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ANOTHER STRATEGIC MOVE BY TAIPEH

Evacuation of Ladrone Islands said ordered

CHUSAN "VICTORY" EXTOLLED

The Chinese Nationalist High Command in Taipeh has ordered the evacuation of the Ladrone Islands off Macao by its forces before Friday, it was reliably learned from shipping circles here yesterday.

Evacuation rumours in Taipeh

The independent "Sung Tao" reported from Taipeh yesterday that rumours are circulating there to the effect that high Government officials are secretly evacuating their families to Japan.

It added that although the rumours could not be confirmed, main conversational topics among official families was where to evacuate in the event of an emergency.

The report said that many hold the opinion that in such an event the evacuation would be either to the Philippines or Japan.

Withdrawal of KMT from Taiwan asked

Tokyo, May 17.

The Formosan Democratic Independence Party, denouncing both the Nationalist and Communist Chinese, today renewed its demand for the withdrawal of Chiang Kai-shek from Taiwan and a plebiscite to establish an independent government.

The party, which claims to represent 5,000,000 Taiwanese, made Tokyo its overseas headquarters.

The leader was recently sentenced to a 10-year prison term by an army provost court for illegal entry into Japan.

The latest party statement, circulated by Mr. Frank S. Liu, "chief of the political department," charged that the Cairo Declaration ignored the right of Taiwanese to self-government.

The statement declared that Taiwanese "have been forced to live a life of far less freedom and more misery under the fetters of the feudalistic regime of Chiang Kai-shek than during the Japanese colonial day."

Unless "adequate steps are taken," the declaration said, "it will not be long before Taiwan is trampled under the iron hoofs of the Chinese Communists and Red Imperialism."—United Press.

C'WEALTH TALKS ON JAPAN END

London, May 17.

The British Commonwealth working party on the Japanese peace treaty today ended its two-and-a-half weeks' successful discussion here to create a single Commonwealth voice on the subject.

Policy decisions on when, or how to arrange negotiations on the treaty were beyond its scope.

THE WEATHER

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Acheson calls on Bevin



Dr. Dean Acheson, United States Secretary of State, is greeted by Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin (left) when he called at the Foreign Office shortly after his flight from Paris. (A. P. Photo).

Shipping circles expect resumption of HK trade with Shanghai

Hong Kong shipping circles said yesterday that the Nationalist evacuation of the Chusan Islands means that the Colony will resume normal trade with Shanghai—but they disagreed as to how soon this would come about.

The Nationalist navy base of Tinghai, about 75 miles from the mouth of the Yangtze river, has given the Nationalist navy, in the past, an unshakable grip on Shanghai's entry point.

Since January, 1950, only two small merchant ships have successfully broken the Shanghai blockade. During a normal trade period for Shanghai, this figure would be nearer 1,000 ships.

American shipping circles were the most optimistic. One official said yesterday: "The is what we have been waiting for. Now, everybody is going to Shanghai."

A British shipping official was more conservative. He pointed out that two or three Nationalist warships, properly placed, could still

effectively make entry to Shanghai extremely hazardous.

He added: "Our company estimates that Shanghai could absorb the entire surplus of chemicals, cotton, machine tools, medical supplies and paper now stored in Hong Kong godowns within six months—granted free entry to that port."

"But, the Nationalists well know the needs of Shanghai, and the psychological necessity of demonstrating their ability that they can effectively enforce their blockade."

"For myself, I am adopting a wait-and-see attitude."

If the new status of the Shanghai blockade runs true to form, there will be no immediate rush of merchant ships into that looming port.

"Test" ships

Rather, all will keep an eagle eye on the first few "test" ships to attempt to enter the port.

If these first ships are successful, the others will follow in waves. If they fail, local shippers will sit back and patiently wait for the Taiwan invasion.

Another navy base Quemoy, figures prominently in future trade prospects with Shanghai.

The Nationalists say that they do not intend to evacuate this base. However, private reports indicate that they have already made initial preparations to pull out of Quemoy just as they did the Chusan Islands.

If they do, observers in Hong Kong predict that the back of the Shanghai blockade will be broken.

Several British ships, including the damaged "ss. Cloverlock," are currently being held in Quemoy.

A European intelligence source told the "China Mail" yesterday that the Nationalist evacuation of the Chusan Islands was "the stupidest military move of an entire series of stupid Nationalist military blunders."

But an American observer, equally well-informed, pointed out that the Chusan move was "difficult to defend" and that the move was "very wise and strategic."

An American ship, the "ss. Flying Arrow," captured during the past week, is due to be broken up. The ship's cargo is currently on her way to Yokohama, an informed source said yesterday.

The ship has several thousand tons of machine tools, chemicals and medical supplies on board. It is believed the cargo was reported to have been consigned to Shanghai firms.

MENZIES SEES THREAT TO AUSTRALIA IN RED DRIVE ON SE ASIA

Canberra, May 17.

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Gordon Menzies, declared in the House of Representatives today that the Communist activities and planning in South East Asia constitute a grave threat to the safety of Australia.

Mr. Menzies was answering a Liberal Member, who asked the Prime Minister to comment on week-end reports that the British Commissioner-General for South East Asia, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, had warned the Australian Government that the position in Malaya was more serious than previously thought, and might well become calamitous unless dealt with immediately.

Mr. Menzies said: "Mr. MacDonald conferred with me and certain senior Cabinet Ministers about the position in Malaya, which is undoubtedly very serious."

"The conclusions I think we all have arrived at are these: that the activities of the Communist bandits in Malaya are in no way related to any national or nationalist movement; that they are directly associated with Communist activities in other Asian countries; that there is a general movement in a Communist direction on the part of Communist activities and planning; and that all these things added together constituted a grave threat to the safety of Australia."

The British Commonwealth Conference has "practically reached a settlement on the Australian proposal that the Commonwealth countries should spend £8,000,000 on technical aid for Asian countries, authoritative sources said today in Sydney."

The Conference Committee were now expected to discuss the details and work out an operative plan.

The main purpose of the Australian plan was for the Commonwealth countries to be devoted to training technicians and scientists from Asian countries in Commonwealth countries, where advanced training facilities are available.

Difficulties were expected to arise over how the contributions to the pool would be made.

British plan

It was authoritatively reported that now the United Kingdom had given way on the Australian proposal to stabilize the pool, Australia would agree to the British plan for its implementation.

The original opposition to the pool arose because Commonwealth contributions, particularly the Australian, would necessarily have to come out of frozen credits in London.

Australia's credit balance is the highest in history and India also has a substantial balance.

Australia, it is stated, had realized all along that care must be exercised not to upset Britain's financial equilibrium by pressure deriving from these frozen sterling funds.

Australia's delegate to the Conference, Mr. Percy Spender, Minister for External Affairs, had contended that contributions could be arranged without embarrassing the British Treasury, it was stated.

Aid under the compromise plan was not expected to be confined to Commonwealth countries in South East Asia.

The "Sydney Sun" special correspondent said that Indonesia and Indo-China described as two "dangerous spots" would be invited to seek technical and other assistance.

The "Sydney Sun" reported today that the feared break-up of the Commonwealth Conference on aid to South and South East Asia has been averted. The British and Australian delegations, which were reported to have held opposing views, were said to have reconciled their differences.

It was learned that today's talks, contrasting with yesterday's differences of opinion, were harmonious and cordial. During the luncheon break, Britain's Lord MacDonald said: "Good progress."

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UN urged to intervene in Malaya

Jakarta, May 17.

The Indonesian Foreign Ministry official spokesman, Haji Agus Salim, urged United Nations intervention in the Malayan "anti-Communist" campaign at a Press conference here today.

"Thousands of lives are being lost, including young Englishmen, without the world taking interest in the matter," he said. "We know that intervention can spare great calamities."

Agus Salim, questioned whether he considered the Malayan trouble to be a Communist or national movement, added: "The trouble in Malaya is that the Chinese and Malays have not had the good luck of the Security Council taking up the matter as in Indonesia."

Agus Salim outlined to foreign correspondents Indonesia's stand in relation to the suggested, threat to Indonesia from Communist expansion in Asia.

"The West has been thinking that we must take one or the other of their ways," he said. "But we want to show the West that we will follow the way of the East."

"We will take our own way and thank God that New Delhi and Bagdad are leading the way. We have thrown off the political mastery of the West."

Third way

"In the cold war, if two sides are wrong, then Indonesia is not going to side with one or the other. We will find a third way, and we hope the United Nations will help us."

"We refuse to accept that we must take sides in the cold war between two parties. Our aim is one world family."

The United Nations powers should, let Germany and Japan have "the position they deserve" in the hope that they would cooperate, he added.

Agus Salim, known as the "grand old man" of Indonesian politics, was Foreign Minister in Indonesia's last Cabinet under the Dutch. Before the war, he was one of the few Indonesian activists in a various diplomat for the Dutch Government.

Agus Salim said he did not think Communism in China a threat to Indonesia.

"Because Mr. Tse-tung is a Communist, that does not mean a threat to Indonesia. He must obey the will of the Chinese people," he added.

Agus Salim deplored the Vietnamese movement in Indo-China being called Communist. "It is a genuine national movement which had to fight its present position without support of the Western powers," he declared.—Reuter.

WAR RISK RATES FOR MANCHURIAN PORTS REDUCED

London, May 17.

A reduction in war risk rates for voyages to and from Port Arthur and Dalen was announced by Lloyd's Underwriters today.

The war risk rating committee said rates would be reduced from 10 shillings per cent to three shillings per cent.

Marine insurance experts said one reason for the reduction was the Chinese Nationalists' withdrawal from the Chusan Islands.

—United Press.

Chinese Reds plagued by "rice Communists"

San Francisco, May 16.

The "rice Communist" has fastened himself on Red China.

A "rice Communist" is one who pretends to go along with the Reds simply to keep his job or to stay out of trouble. He is not a convinced Communist. He may be opposed to Communism, but since there isn't much he can do about it, he goes through the motions.

The phrase is a new twist to the "rice Christian" who used to attend mass church services to get a free meal or improve his position.

The Reds seem quite aware of the problem, although they never admit there can be "rice Communism" in their "new democracy."

However, some of their broadcasts, heard here by The Associated Press, drop hints now and then which make it plain the Red Government has picked up a vast collection of hangers-on whose interest in Communism originated in empty stomachs.

The Reds expected and planned for this, as shown by their policy of absorbing, educating or surrendering Nationalist troops. To turn such troops loose upon the countryside would only invite banditry and revolt. So the Reds kept them in uniform, feeding and indoctrinating them. Some were put to work building dykes and filling crops.

Take last year, for example, after the clean-up of the Chinese mainland was largely completed, the Red Radio broadcast announced that these "former" troops would be put to work on the "new" program.

They were as many of them as there were troops in the Red Army list. Demobilization could not even begin until 1951, the broadcast stated.

This meant that a total of more than 5,000,000 troops would have to be fed. Besides this, the broadcast said there were nearly 4,000,000 former Nationalist soldiers in the old government who also would have to be fed from the public granary to prevent unrest.

A more recent broadcast describes a smaller problem but one which is clearly in the "rice Communist" class. It says more than 200,000 "intellectuals" of the old regime have been educated in "revolutionary universities" all over China during the past year.

The broadcast describes in some detail the people who went into one of these colleges, apparently located in old military barracks outside Peiping.

"It cannot be said," admits the broadcast, "that all or even a majority of these 200,000 (in this particular school) applied to join the university in a very co-operative mood. According to reasons which they later frankly gave, they mostly hoped it would be a clever way to find a job. Some simply wanted six months assured board and lodging, some only applied because their lovers had done so, and others went in order to sabotage."

"A minority actually wanted to learn about the new society and to help in the new way of life," says the rather frank contradiction of the usual Red claim that all Chinese have sworn enthusiastically behind their program.—Associated Press.

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Chinese charged with killing man who stole his wife

Extension of water supply

Extension of the water supply, up to 10 p.m. daily is under consideration by the Water Authority. It was officially announced yesterday. At present the supply is cut off at 8.30 p.m.

Commenting on suggestions that the present daily supply system should be divided into two periods, an official spokesman said that two supply periods a day are objectionable because the mains become empty, and air locks result on refilling.

In addition, it was added, there are chances of leakage and also pollution of the mains.

There is also a wastage of time in building up pressure, and during that time there would be many complaints by those who do not get enough water owing to lack of pressure, said the spokesman.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Lunch meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, HK Band Coll, 8 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, whist drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.
Union Jack Club, Tombola, 7.30 p.m.
Women's Section, European YMCA, tennis picnic, at King's Park Club house, 10 a.m.
HK Choral Group renders Cavalleria Rusticana at Lee Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW

Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.; photography class, 9 p.m.
Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.
Union Jack Club, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Women's Section, European YMCA, dress-making class, 10 a.m.
Cocktail reception in honour of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Powell, at Chief Preventive Officer E. Tuck's residence.

SATURDAY

RAF Air Display, at Kai Tak, 3 p.m.
ACES Concert at European YMCA, 9 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

HK Art Club sketching party, to Shatin, members to meet at Jordan Road Vehicular Ferry, 10.30 a.m.
The H. Classical Concert, 80, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk on "Amateur Dramatics" 8.45 p.m.

Recording of luncheon for BIF delegation

Rediffusion in Hong Kong has received cabled information from its Head Office in London to the effect that the official luncheon given at the Savoy Hotel, London, by British Industrialists in honour of the Hong Kong delegation to the British Industries Fair to the British Industries Fair has been recorded and is being flown to Hong Kong for presentation over Rediffusion here.

The chief speaker at the London luncheon was Mr. James Crimmins, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and during his address he reaffirmed Britain's intention to retain Hong Kong. Also present at the luncheon was Mr. J. F. Nicoll, Hong Kong's Colonial Secretary.

The Rediffusion recordings of this luncheon programme are being flown to the Colony via BOAC and will be broadcast over Rediffusion here when they arrive in a few days' time. A further announcement will be made as to the exact broadcast date and time of this luncheon meeting which will be of paramount interest to industrialists and businessmen throughout the Colony.

PLANTERS

New shipment of various types of plants, trees, shrubs, etc., will arrive here very early this week.

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A 36-year-old Chinese yesterday stood trial at the Criminal Sessions for the alleged murder of a Waterworks Department coolie who stole his wife.

According to the prosecution, the accused, Pun Kam, stole into the deceased's quarters one mid-night in December last and killed him, leaving a brief note behind.

Written in Chinese characters, the note read: "You desire my wife as your wife. I want your life to balance the account."

Pun is being tried before Mr. E.H. Williams, Acting Chief Justice, and by a jury of six men and one woman.

Pun is defended by Mr. D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr. F. Zimmerman. The prosecutor is Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, who is assisted by Detective Inspector D.H. Taylor of the Homicide Squad, Police Headquarters.

The prisoner is charged with the murder of Wu Ting-foi, alias Wu Lok, at the Shousan Hill Road coolie quarters, Aberdeen, on December 22, last year.

Mr. Lonsdale told the jury yesterday that earlier in December, the accused together with another person went over to the deceased's quarters and forcibly took his own wife away from the place.

Pun then brought her back to the country. Subsequently, however, it appeared that the woman received a letter from the deceased in Hong Kong. As a result she left Pun once more and returned here to the deceased's quarters at Aberdeen. Crown Counsel went on to say that, on the night of December 22, the accused came to the deceased's quarters, which were situated near the Shousan Hill Reservoir.

"Save life"

A woman who lived in the same quarters with her husband was awakened about midnight by a cry of "Save Life." She recognised this voice as that of the deceased. Upon getting up, she saw two persons dragging the deceased's body from his room. The woman became frightened, and ran from the scene.

The next morning, she had a consultation with her husband on the subject. Consequently, the two went over to the deceased's quarters and found him lying dead. A small note was discovered in the room, which was brought to the police station. The police were notified of the incident.

A pickaxe, a chopper, a sickle and a hammer were discovered at the scene of the crime. A post-mortem examination of the body disclosed a bore injuries consistent with those inflicted by either of the implements found.

The note left behind, according to a police handwriting expert, was similar to that of the accused's handwriting. Mr. Lonsdale told the jury.

Pun was eventually arrested by some forestry guards, and handed over to the police. He is alleged to have told the police that the deceased was killed by him.

He is further alleged to have mentioned the same words as those in the note concerned.

Killed by hammer

When charged with murder, Mr. Lonsdale continued, the accused said the deceased was killed by his hammer.

During committal proceedings, Crown Counsel stated, Pun in a statement before the magistrate said Wu Ting-foi seduced his wife and took her to his place. Consequently, he went with another person and brought her back after warning Wu.

Pun is further alleged to have stated that the deceased wrote a letter to his wife, with the result that she began to hate him. The accused said he then came to Hong Kong himself. On December 13, having been informed that his wife was in the deceased's place.

Pun, it is alleged, said he then went to Wu's quarters to see the deceased. He found her with his wife. Deceased however threatened him. Accused subsequently went again with another man, one Ah Shing, to the place. Ah Shing struck the deceased with a hammer while the latter came forward in their presence. Pun said he did not know what then happened. His wife appeared, and asked him not to fight. He then went away from the place.

After corroborative evidence for the prosecution was given yesterday, the trial was adjourned until 10 a.m. today.

CMSN OPERATING AT A LOSS

The State-owned China Merchants Steam Navigation Co. has operated at a loss ever since being taken over by the Communist regime, it was disclosed in English by Yuh Mei, head of the Shanghai Navigation Bureau.

Yuh said that in the first quarter of 1949, when the Communists regime was still on the mainland, the shipping firm showed a profit of \$100,000.

Since the beginning of 1950, it has operated at a loss, due largely to the fact that the firm has been unable to obtain enough fuel oil for its ships.

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Man held on menaces charge

Lau Tsang-pun, aged 24, was charged before Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday on four charges of demanding money with menaces.

Mr. J. Stewart for defendant pleaded not guilty. Detective Inspector Hung conducted the case for the prosecution.

Defendant was charged with demanding \$10 with menaces from Lau Tak-shum, \$10 from Lam Wing-kam, \$10 from Young Cheng-sin and \$50 from Lam Wing-kam.

Inspector Hung said that complainants in the case were street coolies. On April 21 defendant went to Pokfulam Road and demanded \$10 each from the three coolies saying at the same time that if the money was not forthcoming they would be beaten up. The money was eventually paid over to defendant.

On the morning of May 1, defendant again went to the spot and demanded \$50 from Lam Wing-kam, saying the same threat. The three coolies then went to the Police Station and made a report.

Sub-inspector Lau then gave a detective a marked \$10 note and a marked one dollar note. The party then went to Pokfulam Road and defendant on seeing them asked for the money. Defendant then took the \$11 away and at the same time told complainants to bring the \$30 the following day. Defendant was then arrested.

After Lee Tak-shum, Young Cheng-sin and Lam Wing-kam had given evidence, hearing of the case was adjourned to Friday.

Seven gaoled for Pitt St. robbery

Various terms of hard labour were meted out to seven persons—including a woman—at the Criminal Sessions yesterday in connection with a robbery at 48 Pitt Street, Kowloon, on January 11, where more than \$2,000 in cash and articles was stolen.

The all-men jury acquitted Leung Pui, charged with robbery. He was accordingly discharged.

Leung Yung, the woman, was given three years' hard labour for possession of arms and ammunition.

Lam Fun, alias Kam Sun, was given six years and 12 strokes for possession of arms and ammunition and receiving stolen property.

Two Tse, alias Tse Wai-nam, was sentenced to 10 years and 12 strokes when he pleaded guilty to taking part in the robbery. Pleading guilty to a similar charge and to possession of arms Kung Kwong-sing and Kung Yat were each given 12 years. Chan So was given 11 years.

The last three mentioned above were not given strokes of the cane in view of the fact that they are at present serving sentences for previous convictions which already involve the cane.

The three men and ammunition found were ordered confiscated by the Senior Police Judge, Mr. Justice Goff.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, with the assistance of Detective Sub-Inspector Newman.

The accused were not legally represented.

Illegal import of gold

"This is all I had in the world," pleaded a Shanghai man, Suen Kim, before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday when he was charged with importing seven taels of gold, valued at \$2,100, without a permit.

Revenue Inspector W. L. Stone, prosecuting, said that defendant was arrested in Kowloon yesterday with the gold hidden in his boots of his shoes and naked for confiscation.

Defendant was fined \$100 and the gold ordered to be returned to him.

Three other Shanghai men, Nio-pang, Wu Hung-shing and Lok Wing-chung, were taken into custody for importing gold, were respectively fined \$400, \$100 and \$200.

Chan had 133 taels hidden in his suitcase, while the other two had 10 taels each. They were all taken into custody. Lok had 10 taels at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station.



Dr. C. T. Wang shown speaking at the new American University Club of Hong Kong yesterday when he was elected the club's first President. At his right is Dr. Joseph Yu, Chairman of the Programme Committee. Seated is Mr. Ernest K. Moy, Chairman of the Service Committee. ("China Mail" Photo).

Dr. C. T. Wang elected President of American University Club

Dr. C. T. Wang, China's former Foreign Minister and veteran diplomat, was elected President of the newly-formed American University Club of Hong Kong, at its first luncheon meeting at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday.

Alleged robbers committed

Charged with armed robbery and possession of arms and ammunition, two youths, Wong Sang, alias Sang Tsai, aged 20, and Cheung Hong, alias Chung Choi, aged 19, were committed to stand trial by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

On March 5 first defendant was alleged to have robbed a newspaper distributor, Yan Fat-chuen, of a basket containing \$700 in Parkes Street. On April 19 first defendant, accompanied by second defendant, returned and robbed complainant of another basketful of money, \$675, it is alleged.

Yan Fat-chuen, giving evidence said that at 1 p.m. on March 5 he was in Parkes Street collecting money from newspaper hawkers when Wong walked up to him and at the point of a gun took his basket containing \$700. Defendant escaped.

On April 10, both defendants, with another not in custody, again took his basket. After a short chase Wong was arrested by Detective Wong. He led the police to the second defendant and two revolvers and ammunition were found among defendants' possessions.

Inspector C. Dowman prosecuted.

Reconversion of APL ship

Reconversion of the ss. General M. G. Meigs at a West Coast shipyard for American President Lines trans-Pacific service has been approved by the Maritime Commission. Final approval is being asked of Congress, it was announced yesterday.

Waivers from the U.S. Coast Guard to continue operation of the General Gordon until the Meigs is available for service has been granted.

The General Meigs would be fitted into a trans-Pacific schedule with the Company's new, post-war-built luxury liner, President Cleveland and President Wilson, and would replace the Gordon, a former troop transport on which no appreciable reconversion work has been done.

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Accused of biting detective

Guarded in the dock by three constables with one holding him by the shoulders, a 22-year-old carpenter, Leung Chung, faced committal proceedings before Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on charges of robbery with violence, wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and escape from lawful custody.

Evidence was given that on the afternoon of February 22, defendant was taken by a party of police, including two inspectors and a detective, to the hillside of Diamond Hill to recover some property which defendant had admitted he had stolen from 450A Shik Hong Village.

Due to the slowness of the hillside, the party became separated, defendant and Detective Li Hin-chung climbing ahead, leaving the inspectors behind. Before the inspectors could catch up with them and after the stolen property was traced, defendant was alleged to have thrown the stolen property at the detective and began to run.

The detective drew his revolver and fired at him but his shot went wide. However, Li caught up with him down the hill.

Detective bitten

When he was about to be handcuffed, defendant started to bite the detective and both rolled down a cliff. Defendant, who was on top of the detective, was alleged to have picked up a rock and began to hit him with it rendering him unconscious. He then took a finger ring, a wrist watch and two bullets from the detective, it was charged.

Recovering consciousness later, Li managed to drag himself to the Dairy Farm, near Clear Water Bay Road, and told a boy there to notify the police, and then relapsed into unconsciousness again. He was taken to Kowloon Hospital where it was found that 45 little wounds had been inflicted on him by the defendant.

Defendant was located later sitting on a rock 200 yards from the scene of the alleged attack. He was caught after being shot in the leg.

Further hearing will be held on June 5. Detective Sub-Inspector P. Lowe is in charge of the prosecution's case.

St. John Orders

Orders by Mr. A. el Arculli, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District Order No. 20/50 dated May 10, 1950:

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CZECH UN DELEGATE RESIGNS: DRAMATIC TELEGRAM TO STALIN

Lake Success, May 16.

Mr. Vladimir Houdek resigned today as Czechoslovak delegate to the United Nations, severed all ties with his Communist-dominated homeland and appealed to President Harry Truman for asylum in the United States.

He also sent a cable to Generalissimo Joseph Stalin warning that it is impossible in the long run to force Russian-style Communism on European countries.

FAROUK PUNISHES SISTER

Cairo, May 16.

King Farouk has deprived Princess Fathia of all her privileges, stricken "Princess" from her title and taken her name off the family list, the Government-controlled radio announced tonight.

The King also ordered his sister to leave her commoner husband and directed the temporary seizure of his own mother's property for sanctioning Fathia's marriage.

Farouk approved decisions made by his Crown Council earlier today and, effective immediately, ordered Fathia to separate from her commoner husband, Riad Ghail, an Egyptian whom she married in San Francisco. He also told her to return to Egypt immediately.

The King cancelled the Queen Mother's guardianship of Fathia the marriage. He appointed Noguib Salem Pasha administrator of the Royal estates and temporary custodian of Queen Nazli's property pending total seizure of all her holdings in Egypt. He also appointed Salem Pasha temporary custodian of Fathia's property pending similar seizure of her holdings.

In a move approved by Farouk, the Council called on the Egyptian authorities to take effective measures to separate Fathia and Ghail immediately. However, there is little they could do if the couple elect to remain in the United States, although Fathia would thereby forfeit her Royal privileges and Royal holdings.

The King had given the Council a strong four-point memorandum to consider. In rapid action the Council agreed with the measures and Farouk ordered them into effect.—United Press.

Mr. Houdek said in his telegram to President Truman that one reason he resigned was to protest the harassment of American diplomats by Czechoslovakia.

The 38-year-old career diplomat told reporters that he has no money and has made no plans for the future. He would have to leave his present home since the rent is paid by the Czechoslovak Government.

The resignation was also in protest against the present regime in Czechoslovakia.

In a letter to Mr. Byron Price, Acting Secretary-General, the delegate, Dr. Vladimir Houdek, said, "I am resigning from the Czechoslovak Republic as the permanent representative of the United Nations to subject my relations to the Government I represent to a thorough and fundamental examination."

"These events show that a few individuals installed in a Rostovsky way in the top positions mechanically apply methods which are in flagrant contradiction to our best traditions. Czechoslovakia thus ceases to exist as an independent State. In protest to this development I am submitting my resignation from the post of permanent representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations."

Not agent of the West
"Rostovsky way" was a reference to the inclusion of the Soviet Marshal, Konstantin Rokossovsky, in the Polish Politburo and to the reports of Communist Party purges in Poland.

After the statement had been handed out here, Mr. Houdek remained at his home in Great Neck, where police guarded him, his wife and two little daughters.

In a further statement, Dr. Houdek said that he had decided to resign only 48 hours ago, as a result of information received from Prague.

He denied emphatically that he had ever been an agent of the Western Powers as he expected to be called by Prague.

Soviet pressure

Dr. Houdek declared, "By submitting my resignation I wish to protest most categorically before the whole world against the methods which are being applied in Eastern European countries contrary to the interests of their population under the pressure—I regret to state—of the Soviet Union."

Dr. Houdek was due to leave here for Prague tomorrow after being recalled by his Government.

He was known here as a "Clementis man" that is, he was believed to share the views of Dr. Vladimir Clementis, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister whose resignation was announced in March by the Premier, Anton Zapotocky.

Mr. Houdek's action drew a smile from Dr. Jan Papanek, who was the Czechoslovak delegate before the Communists took over in 1948. He was forced out when Mr. Houdek arrived as the Communist Government's choice for the UN post. Mr. Papanek now heads the American Fund for Czechoslovak Refugees.

Mr. Houdek's resignation had been expected in some UN circles since Mr. Vladimir Clementis resigned as Foreign Minister a month ago.

Mr. Clementis was known here as Mr. Houdek's sponsor. Czech circles in the UN expect Mr. Houdek to be succeeded by Mr. Jiri Nosek, alternate delegate here.

Telegrams to Truman, Stalin

Mr. Houdek took over as senior Czech United Nations representative from Jan Papanek, who resigned after the Communist coup in Prague in February 1948. Mr.

Papanek, a staunch supporter of the regime of Dr. Eduard Benes, was immediately repudiated by the new Government. He remained with the United Nations as a Budget Committee expert.

Mr. Houdek sent a personal telegram to President Truman asking the United States to grant political asylum for himself, his wife and two daughters. He also sent a message to Marshal Josef Stalin.

Mr. Houdek said that Mr. Clementis and two other Czech officials would be charged with "Westernism, too independent thinking, dictatorial aspirations, lack of vigilance and of Party discipline" at the Congress of the Communist Party in Slovakia, which meets in a few days.

Of himself, Mr. Houdek said, "I would like to say right now that I have never been an agent of the Western Powers, to use a term which is so often to be found in the Press of certain countries. So far I have contacted nobody from the State Department or from elsewhere."—Reuter, United Press and Associated Press.

Lattimore on China policy

Baltimore, May 16.

Owen Lattimore said tonight that if some of his ideas had been accepted, China might not be in Communist hands.

He further argued that those suggestions would have prevented the American position in all Asia from becoming so dangerous. He also expressed a further Communist advance.

The Johns Hopkins University professor, a main target of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, made his statement in a speech at a faculty session especially called to express full belief in his loyalty.

Mr. McCarthy, in an Atlantic City speech yesterday asked that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, be fired because he had "bought" a Lattimore plan for the Far East.—Associated Press.

SOCIALISTS TO MEET IN UK

London, May 16.

The Labour Party leaders decided today to ask representatives of Western European Socialist Parties to meet in England soon to consider the future organization of European heavy industry. Such a conference, said the Labour Party announcement, is particularly urgent now in view of the proposals of the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, for pooling French and West German steel and coal output.—Associated Press.

ISRAEL-JORDAN RELATIONS

Jerusalem, May 16.

The de facto peace between Israel and Jordan was strengthened today by an agreement to establish mixed patrols along the Southern part of the frontier.

The decision to guard the border against marauding bandits was taken at a Mixed Armistice Commission meeting in the presence of United Nations officials. Jordan also agreed to repatriate three Jewish soldiers captured in a border incident several weeks ago.—United Press.

Russians inferior sailors

Antwerp, May 16.
The British Fleet Sea Lord, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser, said here today that the submarines of the Atlantic Pact nations are superior to those of Russia.

"The Russians were never great sailors," he told a Press conference about the British destroyer, Nepal.

"The Russians are people who have always been afraid. I think we in the West are far ahead of anybody with our submarines and our methods of dealing with them," Lord Fraser said.

The detection of Shhorkel submarines under water by radar from planes was feasible, he said, and would probably be used by the Royal Navy.—United Press.

PRO-AMERICAN SENTIMENT IN SHANGHAI

New York, May 16.

The "Herald-Tribune," discussing American refugees reports that "pro-American sentiment is growing in Shanghai, said today: 'This is an interesting but not a significant reaction.'

Since Shanghai was an epitome of just about everything the Communists objected to, it suffered more than its share of the reforms undertaken by the new regime. It was money-minded; it was the stronghold of Chinese capitalism and foreign business. Americans brought to Shanghai Western techniques, gadgets and Hollywood films. They also brought rice and cotton to help keep the city's economy going in times of crisis. These contributions are not forgotten. It would be dangerous, of course, to judge Chinese reactions generally by the reactions of this one teeming spot of Chinese capitalism.

"The cosmopolitan city on the Whangpoo has for many years been an important channel of Western trade and Western ideas into the deep interior of China. These are the influences which the Communists seem determined if they can, to curtail, especially since the main source of Western influence is the United States."

"Shanghai is too sophisticated and too deeply infected with the best and worst of the Western way of doing things to be easily reformed," United Press.

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THE TRADE UNION CARD AND WHAT IT MEANS

When a man or woman in Britain joins a trade union, the first link with the organisation is the trade union card. This is at once the receipt for the weekly or monthly subscription entered upon it, and the member's passport to his trade union world.

The front of the card tells him where to find his trade union office, and the name and number of the branch to which he is attached. His branch secretary's name and address also appear here. On the other side of the card there will usually be a warning about the necessity for keeping the card carefully, about the regular payment of contributions, and about obeying union rules and reporting difficulties at once to the branch secretary. Many trade union cards also have a few words of advice about notifying industrial accidents and about reading the union magazine or

While its members action strike the union pays small weekly sums from its own funds, but these sums are never as much as the nominal wages would be. Since 1940 unions in Britain have not had to call strikes, because the existing voluntary machinery for settling disputes, where necessary, can be supplemented by arbitration, to which employers and workers now submit if a strike would otherwise occur. In past years, however, it has often been necessary to call upon members to withhold their labour in order to bring about a settlement.

Other side

There is another side to the member's responsibilities in connection with strikes. His union enters into agreements on his behalf, under which a certain procedure is laid down which must

By Ellen McCullough Secretary of the Education Department of Britain's Transport and General Worker's Union

Journal in order to know what is happening. The card, as a whole, is sturdily produced so that it can stand up to rough handling throughout the year.

So much for the appearance of a trade union card. Its real significance, however, is much wider than this. By paying his entrance fee and regular contributions, the member accepts certain responsibilities, and acquires the right to claim certain benefits and privileges. The issue and acceptance of the trade union card seals the bargain on both sides.

Good comrade

Let us examine first, the responsibilities which are undertaken by an individual member. When he joins the union, he pledges himself to act toward his fellow members as a good comrade (or, as it is said "as a brother"). This implies that he engages to keep his side of any agreement or bargain which is made on his behalf. If the union enters into an agreement that work should be performed for a certain minimum wage, and that the normal working week shall be of so many hours, then a good member will not undercut his fellows by working for a lower wage, or by working beyond the agreed hours except for overtime payments. At the same time, he will not let his mates down by slacking on the job or by being late or irregular in his attendance. That is what is meant by the old trade union principle of "a fair day's work for a fair day's pay."

The member has another obligation also, and one which in difficult times may lead to great personal sacrifice. If his union is struggling for recognition by the employers or the Government, he may be threatened with dismissal, or he refused a chance to begin work, unless he leaves the union. The history of trade unionism in Britain, as elsewhere, records many brave men and women who have suffered in this way, and without whose courage it would have been impossible to make the progress of which we, in the United Kingdom, are so proud.

Even when recognition has been secured there may still be the need for sacrifice. Sometimes it is impossible for union officials to reach agreement with employers or to secure arbitration on an issue in dispute. In such cases the union may call upon its members to take strike action, and to withhold their labour until the difficulty has been overcome.

be followed when any claim is made by workers or employers, or when any difficulty or dispute arises. While such procedure exists, it is obvious that lightning strikes or "unofficial strikes" are irresponsible, and can only harm the trade union because they are a breach of the agreements it has made. An employer naturally will be hesitant about signing an agreement with a union, if he fears that the union members will not honour it. Sometimes the unofficial strikes occur because of irritation, or failure to understand the proper procedure for overcoming difficulties, and sometimes they occur because of political agitation on the part of minority groups. Whatever the reason, the result is a blow at the strength of the union. The member has also the duty of supporting the officers and representatives he elects to act for him. While of course they have acted wrongly or unwisely, nevertheless, if he authorises them to do a job, or make an agreement, he should never let them down by refusing to honour what has been done in good faith.

It will be seen from what has been said above that the member's duties towards his union are not passive ones. He ought to support his union financially by paying his contributions regularly, to uphold it morally by attending his branch meetings, and by doing his share in the making of union policy and the carrying out of union rules. He ought also to use his best judgment when electing officers, and, indeed, he ought to offer himself for election to the union office or activity for which he is best fitted.

In return for these obligations, what rights has the member from his union? First of all, he has a right to claim that the union should represent him before his employers, both generally in the matter of making agreements relating to wages and working conditions, and also in any personal difficulties he may experience in connection with his work. Nowadays this representation includes joint consultation at all levels from the workshop to the board room. In order to do this the union will have paid and unpaid officers, members of executive and other committees, clerks and offices. The union will also guarantee to pay him certain benefits in respect of sickness, accident or unemployment, and to give him legal advice in matters arising out of his employment, such as accidents or industrial diseases.

His union may also have training and education schemes, perhaps convalescent or holiday homes. The exact nature of these facilities will vary according to the type of union and the amount of the weekly or monthly subscription paid. The underlying principle, however, will always be the same. The rule book will set out in full what benefits and forms of protection are available for the different rates of subscription, and payments will be made strictly in accordance with these rules. Any member has the right to examine the union's books at any time, and in addition these books are examined by a public auditor and submitted to a Government official known as the Registrar. This means that if a member keeps his part of the bargain by paying his contributions, the union will keep its part by handling his money carefully and spending it strictly in accordance with the union rules.

The union will also watch the member's interests in the wider sphere, by making representations to Government departments and to Parliament when it is considered necessary to social and industrial conditions, or to remove hardships or abuses. In recent years Britain's trade unions have found themselves more and more concerned with general legislation, because they are extending their concern for their members beyond the factory or workplace to the conditions under which these members live, and to the opportunities for living the best life possible which are available to them and to their families.

Thus it will be noticeable that the trade union card is much more than a guarantee of minimum wages or fixed working hours. It is one of the ways in which working men and women can be represented in the community in which they live. That is why we in Britain say that every trade union member ought to be a good and conscientious citizen, and that his union's policy and programme, prepared to devote some of his time and energy to helping in its work, and ready to sacrifice his own personal comfort, if by doing so he contributes to the well-being of his fellow members. Such a unionist is not merely behaving in a brotherly way towards his fellow members. He is also acting as a good citizen, who places the interests of the community before his own, and who understands that he must contribute something to the general good as well as draw some advantage from it.

NO DEFINITION OF THIS WORD

Montevideo, May 16.—The United Nations Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press decided here today that they did not want to define the word "information."

On a majority vote they refused to give any definition to the word, which they said was too broad to be used as an implement for restricting Press liberties. The definition proposed by Mahmoud Azmi, of Egypt, was: "Information consists of facts and opinions published in all media, particularly the press, radio and film, for the purpose of revealing facts, helping to promote the moral and cultural development of humanity, maintaining good relations between nations and spreading the concept of peace throughout the world."

A counter-proposal, stressing the latent dangers of such a definition, was supported by India, Britain, the United States, the Philippines, China, and the Lebanon.

Russia, did not vote, the Soviet delegate having walked out of yesterday's session because of the presence of a Nationalist Chinese delegate.—Reuter.

London, May 16.—The Soviet news agency Tass said today that there are about 100 United States Army and Air Force officers in China and that they were quite openly, contrary to the Chinese armed forces. Tass was quoting a Saigon despatch by the agency. Telepress.—United Press.

Wedding of Shah's sister



Princess Ratiha of Iran sister of the Shah, was married by Moslem law, to Vincent Lee Hillyer of California, USA, in the Iranian Embassy, Paris. The pair wed in a civil ceremony in Italy some weeks ago, but the Shah withheld his approval until the union was confirmed by Moslem rites. The Paris ceremony was performed by the Imam Shahrastani. Present were the Aga Khan and Begum, and the Princess Ali Khan. Photo shows the Aga Khan presenting a ring to Ratiha after the ceremony. (Associated Press Photo).

DULLES' PLAN FOR "PEACE INSURANCE" FOR THE WEST

New York, May 16.

John Foster Dulles, Republican consultant to the State Department, tonight proposed a three-point policy of peace insurance for the West, including a supreme Allied military command. He also urged a top planning staff in the United States, under a Cabinet Council, to co-ordinate the efforts of administrative and private agencies.

These agencies included the State and Defence Departments, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Intelligence services, ECA, the Voice of America and others, to fight the cold war, and perhaps more money to influence developments abroad.

The third step was a constructive United States bipartisan foreign policy. All these should be part of the vigorous Western campaign toward military, economic and political unity.

In a speech at International House here which was broadcast over the national radio network, Mr. Dulles warned that the American people must tighten their belts a small degree to save the resources necessary to fight the cold war.

"Soviet Communism has won great victories and it holds the initiative. In the Soviet Union the governing group have the fanatical belief of millions while the free world is lackadaisical."

In calling for greater economic unity in the West, he said the French proposal for combining the coal and iron resources of France and Germany under United Nations scrutiny brilliantly illustrated how boldness could turn dangerous division into reassuring strength.

Reason for confidence

"The situation and circumstances of our time require that certain enjoyments and prerogatives should to a small degree be temporarily foregone if we are to preserve the great body of freedom."

"This is not a prospect which should dismay us. As far as the Soviet Union is concerned we have reason to be confident. We have shown in every field the capacity to do better."

"The Russians hope to take over domination of the world. That project is fantastic except as our lethargy gives it scope."

"It is time to end that lethargy, to play the game and play to win."

"Isolation is no solution because sooner or later you have to recognize, even grapple with it, dispute its sway and redeem its conquests."

Extravagant wastes

"In the United States there are extravagant wastes of top level time, unconscionable delays and often contradictory, puny or negative results."

There should be a single national staff, reporting to a Cabinet Council exercising powers under the President in accordance with authority broadly conferred by Congress and allocating responsibility for action.

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TUDOR CRASH EXPLAINED

Cardiff, May 16.—The Government Attorney said today unquenched distribution of weight caused the world's worst plane crash.

Eighty died in a crash near here on March 12. This public inquiry began today and testimony was offered that no mechanical defect in the Tudor-2 liner was responsible for the disaster.

Edmund Davies, the Government Attorney, presented the results of the investigation. A study of the local reports showed that the plane's centre of gravity was more than a foot farther to the rear than it should have been.

"In other words, the plane was flying tail heavy," he said. He added that the plane's load was within the authorised limit.

The passengers were all Welsh men returning from Dublin after watching a Welsh rugby team defeat Ireland.

MOVES BY RED ARMY

Belgrade, May 16.—Mr. Vladimir Djulijer, Secretary of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Yugoslav National Assembly spoke today of renewed Soviet troop movements this spring near the Yugoslav frontier.

Addressing the Committee, Mr. Djulijer said that these movements had followed recent anti-Yugoslav speeches by the Soviet Marshals Voroshilov and Buzanin in Budapest and Prague.

He described the troop movements as of a war-mongering and suspicious character.

They included the building of plankton bridges by Soviet troops over the Danube between Rumania and Bulgaria, the speeding up of the building of a military airport for the Russians in Timisoara in Rumania.

Also, during May 4 and 5 tanks had been exhibited in the streets of Sofia, and anti-Yugoslav slogans were being circulated among the Bulgarian Army.

"When we compare these movements with the Russian campaign for peace—and we can see them holding olive branches to the West—it is clear that they consider they can do here what ever they want."

Mr. Djulijer was followed by another member of the Commission who suggested that these matters should be brought before an international body.

A sub-committee of four was elected to consider the subject.

The Foreign Minister, Edvard Kardelj, then took the floor, declaring that there was a limited Yugoslav patience. They would continue to fight for normal diplomatic relations but they were not willing to stand endless provocation, and would consider taking other measures.—Reuter.



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"Fertility clinics" for Britain urged

London, May 17. A Committee of Scientists today urged Britain to set up "fertility clinics" to help childless couples have babies.

The biologists and physiologists make up the Medical and Biological Committee of the Royal Commission on Population, which the Government created six years ago to investigate population problems.—Associated Press.

RUSSIAN CHARGES REJECTED

Washington, May 16. The State Department spokesman, Lincoln White, at a Press conference today, labelled as utter and complete nonsense Russian charges that the United States, in co-operation with Iran, is conducting espionage activities on the Iran-Russia border.

Mr. White said that so far as the Department knew, there had been no aerial surveys of the type mentioned in the Russian note to Iran. As part of its seven-year development programme, Iran several months ago asked bids from various foreign countries, including America, for work such as aerial surveys, but no contract had been granted and the Department was not informed on the present status of the project.

American firms engaged solely because they were by far the most proficient in this type of work, but he did not believe the project was under way.

Mr. White also called attention to Press reports, in which he said the United States had been accused of building military roads in Afghanistan. It was true that an American firm had been working with the Afghan Government on building certain large irrigation projects. In connection with these, he said, a road some 80 miles long had been built in South Afghanistan on the Pakistani border.

He added sarcastically, "You can see those United States tanks rushing up to the Russian border from there."

In Tehran, a Government source said that Russian charges that American oil explorers in Iran are spying across the frontier into the Soviet Union are completely groundless.

The Iranian Cabinet was ordered into special session to consider the charge which was announced by Moscow Radio last night, delivered in Tehran this afternoon in a note.

The note said Russia was alarmed at the "military significance" of alleged aerial photography near the Soviet-Iranian border by American and Iranian oil expeditions and considered it a danger to the frontiers of the Soviet Union.

The Government sources said, "This is just another step in the cold war. But now we are lured to Soviet methods. All charges contained in the note are, as usual, completely groundless and we will again doubly assure the Soviet that our actions are in no way incompatible with good neighbourly relations."—United Press.

Churchill backs steel merger

London, May 16. Mr. Winston Churchill, as Chairman of the United Europe Movement, today warmly welcomed the Schuman Plan for merging the European coal and steel industries.

A statement issued by the Movement, on Mr. Churchill's authority, called on the British Government to announce immediately that it is prepared to play its full part, with other European Governments, in working out methods for a practical implementation of Mr. Schuman's proposals.

The project, the statement said, should then be submitted in fuller detail to the Council of Europe for discussion at Strasbourg in August.

The Conservative Party, which Mr. Churchill leads, has not yet expressed its opinion on the Schuman Plan, which proposes particularly the integration of the French and German heavy industries.

Observers believe that the British Government is leaning towards the plan, but that it is still waiting for the French Government to take the lead.

Mr. Churchill, however, believes that the plan is the only one that will lead to a permanent peace in Europe.

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These dancing girls symbolize peace in the South Celebes, an island area in the United States of Indonesia recently torn by armed rebellion. Seen here, amid the calm of evening, it is possible to believe that they have forgotten war. The girls, daughters of village chieftains, are performing the Paludju, an ancient dance. (Associated Press Photo).

EFFORT TO BRING SPAIN INTO THE ATLANTIC PACT

Portuguese expected to plead Franco's cause

London, May 16.

An attempt to associate Spain with the Atlantic Pact is likely to be made during the current conference here of the 12 Treaty Powers, some delegation circles predicted tonight.

As the Foreign Ministers met for the second day of momentous defence and economy talks, these sources forecast Portugal would plead her neighbour's cause.

The Portuguese delegation and Embassy here have so far declined to comment. But it was recalled that in March, 1948, at a meeting of OEEC, Ministers, Dr. Caeiro da Matta, Portuguese Foreign Minister, who is here for the Atlantic Pact talks, asked that Spain should be associated with the work of the OEEC in European recovery.

On that occasion the conference broke up without commenting one way or another on the Portuguese suggestion.

The British Government has consistently opposed the idea of admitting Spain to closer contact with the Western Powers in face of arguments here and in America that her "extreme" position in Europe warrants it.

Today's meeting of the Foreign Ministers did not begin until well on in the afternoon.

The morning was spent in committee work. But outside Atlantic Pact negotiations there was a flurry of diplomatic activity.

Britain's Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, with his own Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, met the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and Mr. Lester Pearson, Canada's Minister of External Affairs, for a private talk.

Observers believe that they discussed the exchange of atomic information mainly.

Schuman plan

Meanwhile, the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman, with his economic planner, Mr. Jean Monnet, met the Foreign Ministers of Holland, Belgium, and Luxembourg to give them further details of the plan for merging European heavy industries.

A usually reliable source said today that plans for a super-Atlantic Union organisation—with a civilian at the head—were placed before the Foreign Ministers when they met in the afternoon.

The proposal, contained in reports from committees, would cover defence and economics.

The initiative for the new plan is believed to come from the Americans.

It fits in with their policy to introduce a new sense of urgency into the union of the United States, Canada and Western Europe for self-protection against the East.

Blanket of silence

No decisions on the new plan were taken today, observers believed tonight.

When the four-hour session of the conference ended, a blanket of silence was hastily thrown over the proceedings.

Observers concluded that this was intended to cover the Western impression with which the American programme was greeted.

The only comment on the day's work was that the plan was "very interesting" and "very important."

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action to be taken in regard to them will be continued tomorrow morning.

The American view that a civilian should play the No. 1 role in an overall command for the Atlantic organisation is opposed to recent speculation suggesting that a military commander such as General Omar Bradley would be appointed.

A superman

The choice of a civilian "superman" would be dictated by the vital role economics and politics must play in the Atlantic structure, observers consider.

The new American plans were presented to the full Council for the first time this afternoon.

The few hours available for discussion today were obviously too little for final views to be given.

Many of the Foreign Ministers tonight hurriedly consulted their Governments.

The American proposals mark the end of the old idea of each Power being self-sufficient in the military field.

It brought into effect each nation would have well-defined responsibilities on which to concentrate as its contribution to the general defence.

Basic problem

But diplomatic circles here put forward the view tonight that no more organisational changes in the Atlantic Pact structure could overcome the fundamental problem worrying the European members.

This problem is whether the defence preparations considered necessary will endanger the attempts of individual countries to get on their feet economically.

From other conference sources tonight it was learned that the American Secretary of State, Mr. Acheson, played a dominant part in today's discussions.

"At times he was rather hard-hitting," these sources said, adding that today's exchanges had been at times lively.

Very few of the Ministers, it was reported, gave way to the tendency to talk about their own special problems.

Defence matters

The debate on the defence report is understood to have covered the Committee's assessment in terms of men, equipment and time—and the question of financing these requirements.

The main lines of the problems on defence facing the Ministers are regarded as fairly clear. They are as follows:

(1) What are the estimated minimum funds required?

(2) How are these to be raised, and what is to be the contribution of each Power?

(3) How can the existing plans for separate national armaments be brought into line with the idea of a common defence?

(4) How are the requirements for defence to be financed in the long run?

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Marathon speech at Hague Court

The Hague, May 16.

The United Nations launched a two-day marathon speech on the International Court of Justice here today to seek a ruling on the disputed status of South West Africa.

Dr. Ivan Kefauver, Czechoslovak Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, was asking the Court's 15 judges for their guidance on the future of the mandated territory and the rights of South Africa over this former German colony.

All today and tomorrow the Court will hear him explain why the General Assembly has asked for advice on what the himself described today as beyond doubt one of the most difficult and most debated questions with which this Court and its predecessor have had to deal.

He was asking four main questions. These were:

(1) What are the international obligations of the South African Government to the former mandated territory?

(2) Has South Africa the right to modify its international status?

(3) If not, who has?

(4) Is South West Africa subject to the provisions of the United Nations Charter, laying down the fundamental principles of the international trusteeship system?

An absorbed listener from the back of the Court was the Reverend Michael Scott, British missionary who has vigorously championed the case of the South Western Herero tribesmen, before the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations last December. He is hoping to gain a hearing later.

Earlier stages of dispute

South Africa, which has consistently denied that the South West comes under the provision of the trusteeship system, decided two years ago to suspend annual reports on its administration to the Trusteeship Council.

They had aroused "unwarranted criticism" from other nations, Dr. Kefauver pointed out today.

That the territory had recently asked to be admitted to the United Nations as a fifth province, South Africa denied, he said, that a mandatory power was obliged to change such a territory and had repeated that it would not do so.

Dr. Kefauver said that the trusteeship system had been agreed upon by both European and native populations had been ascertained.

Dr. Kefauver traced the history of the discussions in succeeding sessions of the General Assembly, up to the stage at which the Trusteeship Committee agreed to

hear the Rev. Michael Scott on the Herero tribe, as a result of which the South African delegation withdrew from the Committee discussions.

The legal situation had by then become so complicated that the Assembly decided to refer the whole question to the International Court.—Reuter.

Menace to Winnipeg not removed

Winnipeg, May 16.

The onslaught of the Red River eased slightly today, but engineers warned that continuous pressure of the flood-swollen river might smash through the dykes surrounding the stricken city.

Brigadier R.E.A. Morton warned that disaster could overtake both Greater Winnipeg and the city centre if the 20-mile-long line of dykes gave way and he urged an all-out effort for 50,000 dyke workers to renew their efforts.

Engineers said their belief that the river level had reached its crest of 30.2 feet yesterday apparently was borne out this morning. The turbulent Red River had shown no upward movement in the last 60 hours.

The Provincial Resources Minister, D.M. Stephens, said the crest, which now stood at 12.1 feet above the minimum flood level of 18 feet, was likely to stay at this point for seven days.

"This period will be our greatest time of crisis," he added. "Dykes protecting our power, transportation and hundreds of homes face their most serious strain."—United Press.

Abolition of the Empire Day public holiday on May 24 is recommended in a report by a South African Commission on Public Holidays, tabled in Parliament today.—Associated Press.

BYELO-RUSSIA EXPELLED

Geneva, May 16.

The United Nations World Health Organisation today voted to expel Byelo-Russia from the 18-nation Executive Board.

The item of the Byelo-Russia, one of the constituent republics of the USSR, had opposed more year to run. But she had not attended Board meetings since she, with Russia and the Ukraine, announced withdrawal from the WHO in February, 1949.

Summing up the debate today on whether or not a substitute for Byelo-Russia should be found, Rakumari Amrit, Indian Minister of Health and President of the Organisation, pleaded for moderation.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie, said, "He is trying to lift the veil of distrust and suspicion that is shadowing the world today. I would not like our Organisation to do anything that would not strengthen his hand."—Reuter.

DEADLOCK IN OIL TALKS

Baghdad, May 16.

Negotiations for a revised oil concession agreement between Iraq and the Iraq Petroleum Company and its two producing subsidiaries are deadlocked, it was broken off, the Iraqi Economic Minister, Dahir Jafar, said Parliament today.

Mr. Jafar said that Iraq was insisting that the Iraq Petroleum Company and its subsidiaries, the Burma and Mosul Oil Companies, hand over their Iraqi revenues any day within six months.

It also demanded that Iraq should be able to raise loans for better jobs and raise production figures.

The IPC delegation returned to London last week.—Associated Press.

SUBSTITUTE FOR KRAK LEAGUE

Creation of a new, broad-based people's organisation, the "Atlantic People's League," replacing the Arab League, was today advocated by a minority of the Arab League members.

Dr. Kefauver, President of the United Nations, said that the Arab League was a "very important" organisation, but that it was "very important" to have a "broad-based" organisation, the "Atlantic People's League," which would include all the peoples of the world.

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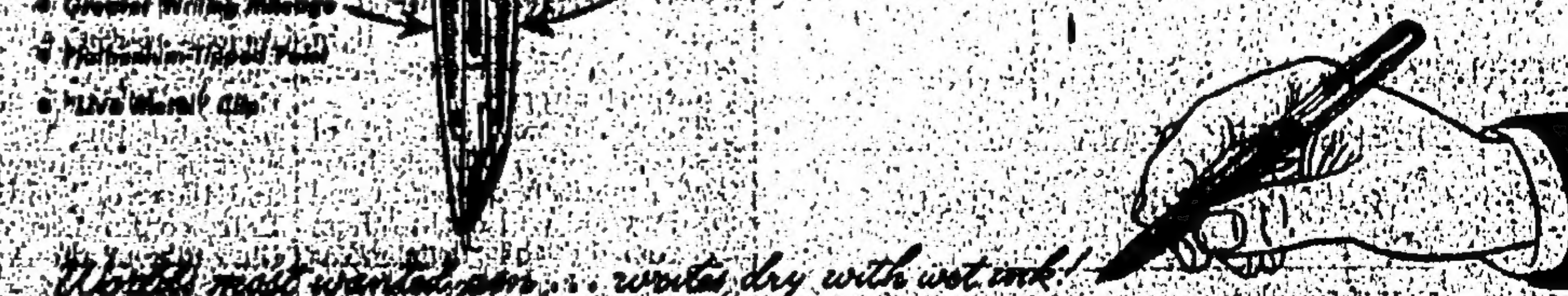
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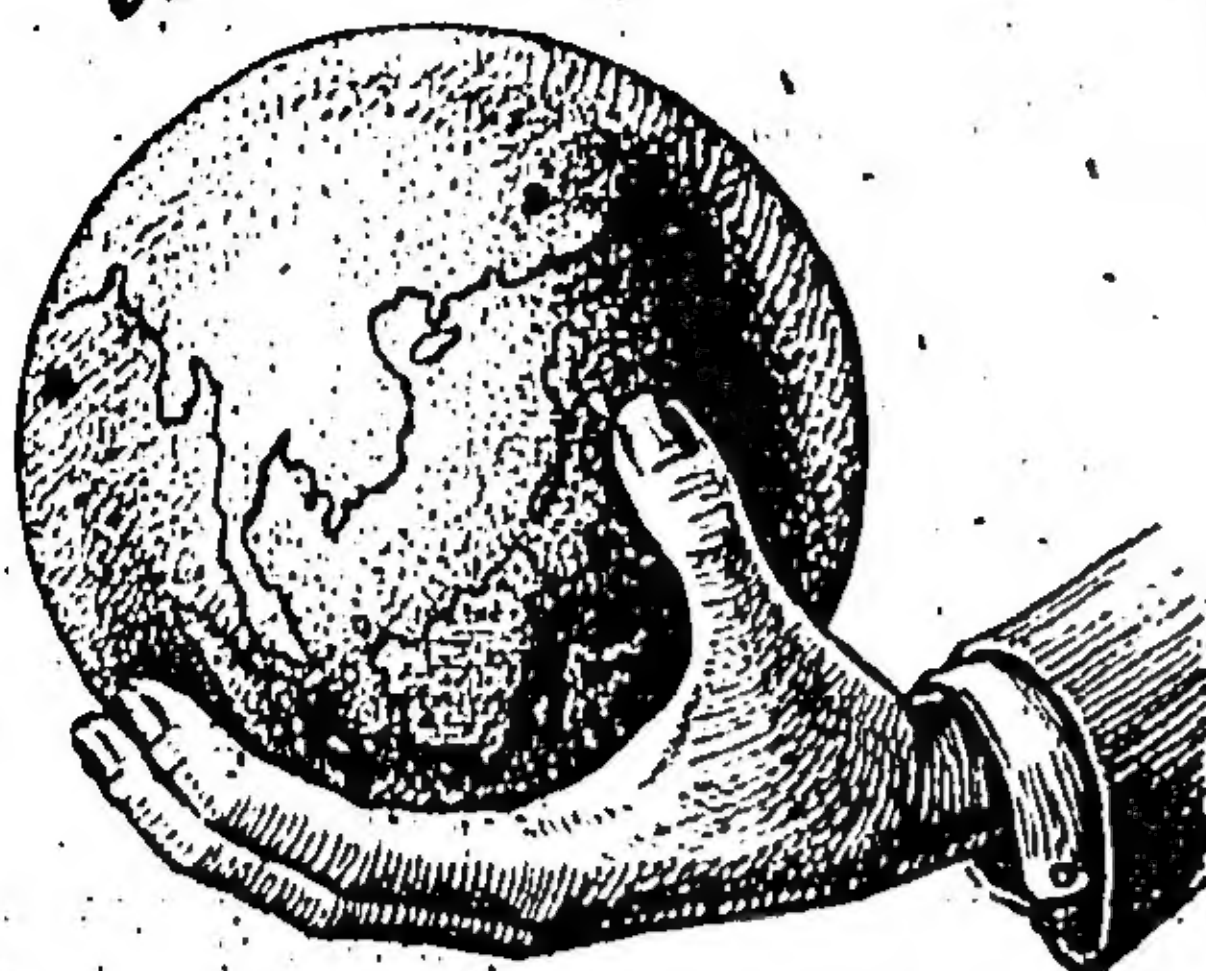
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Rosary Church, Kowloon, on
Friday, May 19th, at 7.30
a.m.

A HAUNTING REFRAIN

A roving eye and a roving
mind in search of a subject
encounter strange inspira-
tions sometimes. It was easy
enough to pass by the poet-
toreador's lament over Ava
Gardner, the decision to ad-
dress Nationalist soldiers
hereafter as "friendly war-
riors," and the assurance of
the Nationalist air force chief
that in leaving the mainland
they had recovered the hearts
of the people there. A disser-
tation under the caption
"Absence makes the heart
grow fonder" would make no
contribution whatever to the
cold war, which some say we
are losing. But one tarried
awhile over the headline
"Unknown Frontier Feeling
Cold war," the unfamiliar
dateline: Luang Prabang,
Laos; and the graphic alliter-
ation of the overtone.

This told us that the time-
less tranquility of the Un-
known Frontier—the remote
mountain maze where China
meets Burma and the King-
dom of Laos—is being stirred
by the first chill eddies of the
cold war. Chinese Communist
infiltration across the tangled
jungle trails of Burma and
Indo-China, coupled with the
Westward movement of Viet-
minh Communist bands, said
the despatch, is threatening
today to destroy the ancient
peace of the Shangri-La land
of Laos. From the unknown
frontiers they know so well
officers come in to bring re-
ports of infiltration of Chinese
irregular bands from the
Burmese sector of the fron-
tier, innocent of either Bur-
mese troops or officials.

It is a wide open frontier,
but not, we gather, to ar-
mourous columns moving in
from China. Cavalry and in-
fantry could get through the
jungle and mountains in
small groups; and somehow
one thinks of Hannibal and
his elephants crossing the
Alps long ago. Memories of
Marco Polo are conjured
up by the odyssey of the
Afghan trader, sparse-bear-
ed and, of course, named
Abdul Khan, who had made
the pilgrimage from Akyab
right across Burma to
Shangri-La on foot, had seen
no Burmese soldiers within
200 miles of the border but
plenty of Chinese stragglers
and deserters haunting the
frontier province. There is,
too, the sanguine estimate of
the Laotian army to remind
one of the proud prowess of
the warriors of comic-opera
though the French officer,
with Gallie wit, spoke of
their sufferings from the
acute shortage of modern
radio equipment, light
mechanized vehicles and
transport aircraft.

They do not despair, of
course. Laotian officials hope
that American economic and
military aid will enable them
to remedy the deficiencies
and to fight at least a delay-
ing action in the event of
invasion from China. But
denial to the Laotians of this
privilege would not make the
strange Khmerou nomads of
the mountainous provinces
any less anxious about the
cold war.

HE LEARNS TO BE A KING

By Daniel Schorr

In a greystone mansion on
the shore of Geneva's Lake
Leman 19-year-old Crown
Prince Baudouin, whose shy
smile reflects a life filled with
books and heartbreak, rises
daily at 7 a.m. to train for
an important job.

Outside there is a din of battle
in the struggle over the restora-
tion of his father, King Leopold.
Inside Prince Baudouin prepares
himself to become King of the
Belgians.

Last month King Leopold him-
self indicated the next step in
the future of the scholarly Prince
who lost his mother before he
was five and his fatherland when
he was not yet 10.

If Parliament invites him to
return, said the King in a broad-
cast, he is prepared temporarily
to hand over his royal prerogatives
to his son until such time
as, "with the consent of the
Government," he resumes his
reign.

Under the guidance of Belgian
professors Prince Baudouin stud-
ies eight hours daily—English,
Flemish, advanced mathematics,
literature, history, law, and
physics.

Teachers aim

Between study sessions he
reads of Belgian and
foreign newspapers—also part of
his training—and sometimes he
takes a long walk on the estate.

Less and less these days does
he have time for his favourite
sports—football, swimming, golf,
and riding. But he still reads
voraciously.

As best as they can, his tea-
chers are trying to make up for
two gaps in his training—his
growing up away from the Bel-
gian people and his lack of an
English schooling, considered tra-
ditional in his family.

Prince Baudouin has not lived
in a free Belgium since he was
nine years old. And King Leo-
pold has refused to let him return
until the royal question is settled.

Missed Eton

As a result the Prince has not
yet taken his seat in the Belgian
Senate, automatically conferred
on royal princes at 18. Nor has
he begun his military service.

The Prince is a stranger to
Britain, where both his father
and uncle, Prince Regent Charles,
studied, and where his step-
mother, Princess de Rethy, was
born.

It had been planned before the
war to send him to Eton, where
Leopold had studied. But after
the war the idea was dropped—
he was too old, it was said.

Belgians remember Eton as a
place of education, where a
young man, occasionally made
public appearances with his
father.

His tendency to lose himself in
books seems to reflect the series
of tragedies and crises that has
marked his life.

Born in Brussels, September 7,
1930, the Prince became heir to
the throne at the age of three,
when his grandfather, King
Albert, died. He was a mountain
climber, plunged to his death
from a cliff near Namur.

Less than a month before his
fifth birthday his mother, the be-
loved Queen Astrid, was killed
while motorcycling with the King
in Switzerland.

At seven he began preparing
for kingship. From that time,
one of the King's friends recalls,
"he was brought up in a demo-
cratic way with other boys of his
age, chosen from different parts
of the country, and various social
levels."

peaceful, primitive life, and
as the evangelical padre put
it, "if trouble comes they will
just fade into the mountains
until it is over." And he
added with a wry smile, they
may yet be the survivors of an
atomic war. The new philo-
sophy of Paris' Existentialism,
is a trifle difficult for any-
body who has little leisure
for the delights of Doubtless-
ness, but surely the French
Commissioner who magically
appears on this desolate scene
did not belong to the magic
circle. "Even in Laos," he
said, "lotus-eating" is
threatened by a mad world.

It is a sentiment that will
find many an echo in Wash-
ington, in spite of the fact
that Point 4 funds have been
cut by \$10,000,000 by un-
romantic Congressmen. The
story of Laos was one that
needed telling. To us it came
like a breath of spring in the
eternal cold war of the politi-
cians. There may be sus-
picions of the correspondent's
motives: even a faint idea
that he himself has tried to
bring together the cold war-
riors of the unknown frontier
and those of frontiers where
Press conferences are part of
the order of the day. But the
quill eddies of Shangri-La
have only just been felt.

There the stage is merely the
very first. They have a long
way to go yet. But the winter
comes, spring comes, and the
kingdom of the mountains is
back in the headlines.

A chateau near Laeken
Palace was turned into a school
where Baudouin and his young
brother Albert studied with their
master, schoolmaster.

Half the classes were in French
and half in Flemish, as befits the
future head of a bilingual king-
dom. Then he was sent to Holl-
and for several months to im-
prove his Flemish.

The German invasion broke
over Belgium when he was nine.
Prince Baudouin and the other
children were taken first to
France, then to Portugal, and
finally back to Belgium.

In the castle of Clermont, in
the Ardennes, surrounded by
German guards, he lost himself
in his studies, working from
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Today, in the mansion on the
hill, the student Prince pores over
his books and waits while his
father—the making again dictates
the course of his life.

Employed them which is sad-
lacking among the servants of
today. For instance, the Club
butler of 1916, by the name of Ching,
was proud of the fact his father
and his father's father had served
in like position since the Club
was founded, and that his son
was learning the business too.

Ching retired some 10 years
ago and his son succeeded him;
but this youngster did absolutely
nothing to prevent local hoodlums

from looting the premises on the
second Japanese evacuation of
the port five years ago. This
youth was last seen at Swatow by
a prominent club member arrayed
in American Army clothing
and with his pockets bulging with
U.S. banknotes. He not only had
deserted his Club post, but had
deserted his aged and ailing
father.

After a very successful innings
of some 20 years up to about 1888
the Foochow Club's fortunes
started to dwindle. In the
early days it is doubtful if the
entrance doors were ever com-
pletely closed, for it was quite
the fashion then for dinner par-
ties to break up round 2 a.m. and
then to repair to the Club for a
game of whist. Many such parties
did not finally disperse till noon
or later.

It cannot be said that this was
the practice among residents.
It must be remembered that at
times there were a dozen or more
Tea Clippers riding at anchor at
Pagoda Anchorage. Their com-
manders and owners represented
the world, and the Club was
always visited by Foochow and in-
variably were made a great fuss
of by the foreign community at
large. They were men of ample
means and so were their hosts.

Let me delve into some old
archives and capture a few rules
of the Club. Rules of 1885 to
illustrate what Club life
meant in those days, which could
not have differed very greatly in
the decade previous.

Rule No. 1
The Club shall consist of an unlimited
number of Members, classified as
Honorary, Visiting, and Resi-
dent.

Rule 2: Honorary Members
shall be Clergymen of any deno-
mination who are introduced by a
Resident Member, and such other
persons as may be introduced by
the Committee, or specified in
any of the Rules.

Rule 3: Visiting Members
(not being permanent residents)
shall pay a monthly subscription
of \$5, but no entrance-fee. They
must be proposed and seconded
by Resident Members; but for
the first month no ballot is re-
quired. Afterwards, if desirous
of remaining in the Club, they must
be balloted for, either as Visiting

Free food
Free food, by way of cheese-
and crackers, sandwiches, fruit
cake, and puddings, were always
available under handsome glass
covers arranged round the
entrance, and it is one Club habit
right up to comparatively recent
years to have a table set with
members or their guests a mea-
sured drink, or a drink which
was not poured out in their
presence.

Think this practice is explain-
ed in part by the absence
of such spirits as whisky and gin
until well after the late thirties;
also the fact that all the glass-
ware was specially imported from
England and of reputed uniform
measure. Authentication by Club
records was avoided through the
expedient of (granting the Butler
"glass" and a half per quart)
bottle by way of spillage with a
present of all empty bottles,
corks, and corks.

Apart from that the wages
were liberal and in addition to
free clothing; also there was a
loyalty toward the House that

Who would imagine that
some of the most successful
BBC broadcasts for years
would be concerned with
thought reading? Something so
silent and intangible appears
unlikely to make an effective
broadcast but two young Aus-
tralian, Sydney Piddington
and his wife Lesley, have been
front page news in the British
Press whenever their "thought
transference" programme has
been on the air.

It involves a large section of
the listening public but whether
it is a question of a very clever
trick or a genuine phenomenon
is a problem which the
Piddingtons themselves do not
seek to solve. "Listeners must
decide for themselves," is their
answer.

Lesley's apparent ability to
read the husband's mind is un-
doubtedly in their first broadcast
they were in the same studio and
she was blindfolded but was able
to identify with ease such things
as cards, books, and pictures
which he had placed before her
in another studio; another
building or, rather, town; but
wherever she was she was able
apparently to communicate with
her husband to identify objects
and to answer questions put or
asked by him.

For their latest broadcast
Sydney Piddington and four
judges were in a BBC studio in
London. Lesley was 120 miles
away in Bristol. She took off in
a DOAC Stratosphere, accom-
panied by about 40 hardened
freemen and a BBC commien-
tator. Before the programme be-
gan the plane climbed through
thick fog to 1,500 feet and then
commentator Gilbert Harding,
wearing earphones, made con-
tact with the London studio, al-
though Lesley could hear nothing
of what was going on. Members
of the audience placed personal
possessions into envelopes, these
were carried to the judges, who
selected five, opened them and
passed the contents to Sydney.
He, without speaking, "transmit-
ted" the articles to Lesley in the
plane, and within a few seconds
she had told listeners what they
were, giving correctly the num-
ber on a pound note and the
clips in a half-finished crossword.
Even the Pressmen were as-
tonished at this seemingly mira-
culous performance. It is talen-
tably or is it a clever trick? The
Piddingtons are not alone in
this kind of thing. There are
many others who claim to be
able to read minds, and the
BBC has been the scene of many
such broadcasts.

Thought reading
on the air

Thought reading
on the air

Thought reading
on the air

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Fireside Echoes--No. 10:

THE FOOCHOW CLUB

By Wm. M.S.
Brand

Members with the higher sub-
scription, or as Resident Members
with entrance-fee. Visitors who
are Members of the Hong Kong
Club, or of the Shanghai Club,
and who are introduced by a
Resident Member, shall for three
months be entitled to use the Club
Members, without ballot or en-
trance-fee.

Rule 4: "Resident Members
must be proposed and seconded as
above, must be elected by Ballot,
and must pay entrance-fee."

Rule 5: "The entrance-fee for
Resident Members shall be \$20,
payable monthly in advance, ex-
cept for those residing at Pagoda
Anchorage, who shall pay \$2 per
month, due quarterly in advance,
and an entrance-fee of \$15."

Rule 11: "That Membership in
the Club shall cease after an ab-
sence of two years, but any former
Member, on his return to the Port
may resume the privileges of the
Club, without ballot, on payment
of subscription of \$5 per annum
for the time of absence, such sub-
scriptions in no case to exceed the
amount of the entrance-fee."

Rule 23: "That the Club shall
be open from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m., but
as soon after midnight as there
shall be no Member in the building
it shall be closed for the night."

Rule 24: "No gambling per-
mitted in the Club."

Rule 25: "No play of any kind
allowed on Sunday."

Rule 30: "No dogs allowed with-
in the doors of the Club."

Some members

Here are the names of some Re-
sident Members of that time who
the year they joined the Club:
Palmer, J. H. 1878
Lloyd, Rev. L. 1878
Rennie, Dr. T. 1878
Grant, L.M.F. 1882
Gibb, A.W.V. 1885
Baker, H. ("Betsy") 1878
Gillies, Thos. 1878
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Stearns, C. 1881
Rogers, C. Skerrett 1880
Joseph Phillips was the secre-
tary for a great number of years,
drawing a monthly salary of \$50,
while the Treasurer was
Honorary. It was never been
custodian in the Foochow Club
to appoint a Resident Member
with full voting powers as Secre-
tary and for the person who ac-
cepts this post appointment to
mingle freely with the members.
It was a privilege in the Club
to elect a Secretary, and the
club days for any member to ad-
dress the Secretary within the Club
with any complaint. A special
book was provided for com-
plaints and suggestions, while
more grievous complaints were
addressed to the Secretary. Many
entries in the book were trivial
and extremely amusing at
times. On the other hand the
Library Suggestion Book invariably
contained entries revealing a
very high order of reading pa-
trons amongst the community,
and this definitely shaped what
ultimately was to become one of
the best libraries on the China
coast.

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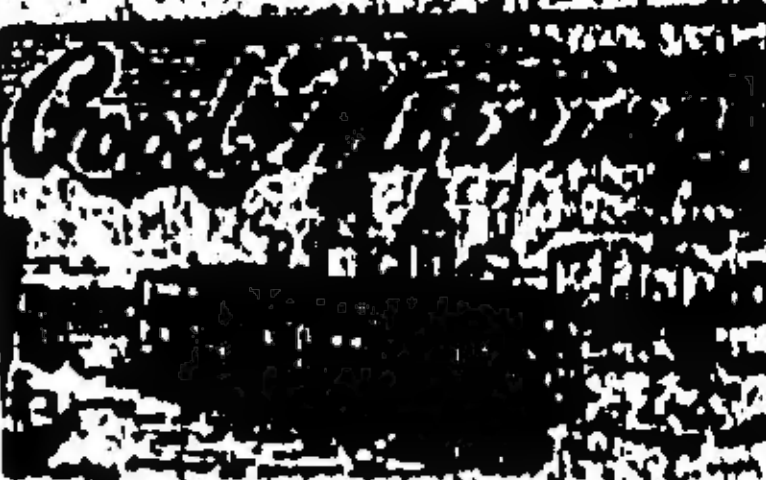
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Democracy
Secretary of State for the
Colonies says: "It is not
going to impose a new form of
government on China. It is
before they are ready to accept
it."

It would be interesting to know
just who "they" are.

Despatch we may expect in a
few months' time.

Arriving in San Francisco,
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek
said the Nationalist evacuation of
Taiwan was a brilliant strategic
move to weaken further the
Communists' lines of communication.

"I will continue the fight
from my villa in Manila," he said,
"and I dare the people to take
that. At any moment now we
will launch a giant offensive that
will drive these Soviet-inspired
traitors clear up to Manchuria."

Eggs were thrown at the Red
Dean in Ontario. Accounts
indicated that he showed little
fright, but boiled with anger and
scrambled for the exit.

"Police patrol Nairobi."
Union officials napped.
Let's keep crime waves and
raiding lips separate, if possible.

In spite of all their difficulties,
one notes that the oil companies
are Bahrain up well.

Fads cream. Advertisers say
according to a local report, "Lady
Milford Haven's lovely face" is
perfectly in luck. Lady has
inexpensive perfume, her exquisite
taste her infinite patience.

Sounds like a lipstick advert
too.

Japanese is arrested after
stealing money to buy a
tombstone.

Things he said had gone dead
against him, but it was not his
fault.

"Girl has baby" while in
hospital.

There, Myrtle, you see the
dangers of these occult sciences.

The Prime Minister spoke
from brief notes which he had
penned on his knees during the
debate.

A trick he learned from
his Boy Scout days.

Nationalist and Communist
agents are said to be sending gold
and silver to each other indirectly
in Hong Kong.

Both factions are apprehensive
of their mental and getting ready to
continue the fight.

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BRITISH STAND ON AID FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA NATIONS

Empire talks on Japanese trade future

London, May 18. Representatives of the eight countries of the British Commonwealth devoted attention today to Japan's prospective place in the economic and trade organisation of the Far East.

Commonwealth negotiators are striving to harmonise their views on a Japanese peace treaty. It is expected that sessions would be finished this week.

A report of various experts will be presented to the Commonwealth High Commission in London, who will submit it with their own recommendations to their Governments.—Associated Press.

MR. LIE'S MOSCOW MISSION

Moscow, May 18. Mr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who has seen Generalissimo Stalin and other Soviet leaders while in Moscow on his East-West peace mission, will have further talks here, he indicated today.

Approached by reporters while lunching at the National Hotel today, he suggested that the talks would probably conclude before Friday. He would not comment on his interview last night with Generalissimo Stalin and M. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Deputy Prime Minister.

Mr. Lie, who has been in Moscow since last Thursday, said he would talk to the Press tomorrow but added that he would disclose nothing sensational. "He did not intend to lift the lid on the contents of his talks here either in Moscow or on the way back to Lake Success."

Mr. Lie, who has declared that one of his aims is to solve the problem of the empty seat in the United Nations, caused by the deadlock over Chinese representation, today saw the Chinese Ambassador here, Mr. Wang Chia-shing.

The Chinese Ambassador was the sole foreign envoy Mr. Lie has met officially.

Foreign observers naturally linked Mr. Wang's visit to the National Hotel with Mr. Lie's proposal to terminate the deadlock in the Security Council by admission of the Peking representatives.

As a result of Mr. Lie's discussion with Stalin and other Soviet leaders he now knows precisely the Soviet standpoint and whether practicable compromises can be worked out.

Didactic choices do not place credit in foreign reports that Mr. Lie is pressing a proposal that Taiwan be placed under United Nations trusteeship.

Such a project certainly will be strongly opposed by the Chinese Communists, who feel very strongly concerning the sovereignty of all parts of China, including Tibet and Taiwan.—Reuter and United Press.

SCHUMAN PLAN APPROVED

Bonn, May 18. The West German Cabinet unanimously approved the French proposal to pool the steel and coal industries of the two countries, a Government spokesman said today.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Cabinet approved in principle the sweeping proposal made by the French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, last week. A Government commission to study the plan will be appointed soon. Trade union representatives will be consulted in the commission.

Many details still remain to be worked out, the spokesman said.—United Press.

WOMAN TURNCOAT

Prague, May 18. Mrs. Marie Slavova, a Slovak national, today accused the Czech Government of having turned her over to the Russians. She said she had been held in a prison in Prague for several months and then taken to the Soviet Union, where she was held in a prison in Moscow. She said she had been released from the prison in Moscow and had returned to Prague, where she was now living. She said she had been held in the prison in Moscow for several months and had been treated very badly. She said she had been held in the prison in Moscow for several months and had been treated very badly. She said she had been held in the prison in Moscow for several months and had been treated very badly.—Associated Press.

Urgency of situation realised in London

SPLIT IN RANKS DENIED

London, May 16.

A Treasury spokesman tonight declared that Britain realised fully the urgency of aid for South East Asia and was as anxious as anyone to make a practical contribution without delay.

He was clarifying the position of the British Government in view of reports that there was a split between the Commonwealth countries over aid to South East Asia at the conference now sitting in Sydney, Australia.

Britain deplored any suggestion that she was putting the brake on proposals by Australia or other Commonwealth countries which contemplated immediate aid, he said.

For a considerable time the problem of helping South East Asia has been a primary concern of the British Government which had, in fact, made substantial contributions toward economic relief since the war, he went on.

Sometimes the total amount of money spent in the area in that period was put as high as £750,000,000.

Direct and indirect aid to Burma since the war had been approximately £80,000,000 and Britain had committed something like £125,000,000 to rehabilitation in Malaya.

In addition countries of South and South East Asia had since the war been able to finance, in sterling, payment for goods and services other than those paid for by their current exports—to the extent of several hundred million pounds from their accumulated sterling balances.

This would apply to India, Pakistan and other countries.

Realistic view

Britain also had the closest interest in assisting the policies of India, Pakistan and Ceylon as well as Malaya to raise the economic standards of their people.

Nevertheless, the British Government's policy was to take the realistic view that there is no purely short-term solution to the problems of under-nourishment and under-development in these territories.

In Britain's view the chief purpose of the Sydney conference was to lay the practical foundations of a realistic programme of economic development in South East Asia.

The Treasury spokesman said that the kind of programme the British Government had in mind would be continuous, would start immediately and would gather momentum quickly.

The programme would visualise the preparation of a major report which would be of a character to bring the economic needs and problems of the area to the forefront of world economic policy.

Positive plan

In the light of that background, the British delegation was in Sydney with a positive and practical plan, and the British Government realised the vital importance of Australia, New Zealand and the Commonwealth as a whole in the implementation of practical economic aid to South East Asia.

On this issue the Commonwealth was undivided.

In its approach the British Government had always taken full account of the fact that external assistance necessary for the rehabilitation of the territories in South and South East Asia should be carried on with the full consent of the Governments concerned and should not be accompanied by any conditions that might be incompatible with their political status.

Sydney denials

One by one, almost in procession, delegates to the Commonwealth South East Asia Conference in Sydney today denied reports that it threatened to founder on the question of immediate long-range aid.

First, Ceylon's chief delegate, Mr. A. R. Jayawardene, said that there was no possibility that the conference would break down.

Then, Britain's and Canada's delegation heads, the Paymaster-General, Lord Macdonald and Mr. Robert W. Mayhew, said that differences of opinion were inevitable early in a conference.

Mr. Mayhew said confident that the conference would work out well. He said the conference was in a very good position to work out a plan for the area. He said the conference was in a very good position to work out a plan for the area. He said the conference was in a very good position to work out a plan for the area.—Associated Press.

while India, Britain, Canada, and New Zealand wanted a long-range plan.

Lord Macdonald told Reuter today that it was not a question of long and short terms but of a continuous policy of economic development which begins today and possibly extends over years.

"Canada's viewpoint is that we should begin with a little plan, gradually developing into a bigger plan," Mr. Mayhew said.

Britain was today circulating her plan for bolstering the South East Asian countries against Communism.

While its details were not announced, Lord Macdonald thought that the best way of tackling the problem would be for the countries in South East Asia themselves to survey their requirements and get carefully estimated costs.

Asian resources

It would be for them to determine how much of this cost they could provide and compute the difference which would have to be made up. Commonwealth countries would then study the estimates and see what they could do to help.

Mr. Mayhew was asked his opinion of the suggestion of Mr. C. C. Spender, Australian Minister for External Affairs, that a Commonwealth fund be established for immediate urgent relief.

If this meant the creation of yet another organisation to distribute money from the fund, Canada was definitely not interested, he declared.

Mr. Mayhew did not want to comment on which countries appeared most in need of aid but said that there was some misconception as to the resources of South East Asian countries.

"Some of them have greater resources than Canada herself," he said. "What is needed are ways and means to develop these resources."

He believed that India, Pakistan and Ceylon had good, stable Governments and vast natural resources.

Given reasonable assistance, they would soon be in a position of great strength and economic independence.

Immense benefit

"If these countries are encouraged to develop their own resources in their own way, it will be of immense benefit to the whole area and any project devised to ward and end should be given the maximum assistance possible."

Mr. Jayawardene, who had said that only Ceylon, Australia and Britain had presented documents of plans to date, felt that many more conferences would arise from the Sydney talks.

"They will be necessary for the other countries concerned to express their needs and opinions," he said.

Mr. Jayawardene said that Ceylon did not need immediate external financial aid.

"We have favourable sterling and dollar balances. We are carrying more dollars than we are spending, and we have been the only Dominion contributor to the dollar pool since it was created in 1949," he said.

Ceylon required technical assistance for her development projects, he added.

Treasury accused

One delegate this morning accused the British Treasury of trying to apply the brakes.

Lord Macdonald replied: "Officials of the Treasury are always conservative; they regard themselves as stewards of the nation's funds, but it is the policy of the United Kingdom Government not to let the policy of the Treasury be dictated by the Treasury."

Despite the behind-the-scenes reports of sharply diverging views, the official communiqué at the end of the second day said a general discussion of Governmental proposals had been completed and a number of general points of agreement drafted for tomorrow.

UN CHAIRMAN'S RESIGNATION

Geneva, May 16.

Dr. Carlos Garcia Bauer of Guatemala announced today his resignation as this week's chairman of the UN Eritrea Commission.

The chairmanship rotates weekly among the five members, South Africa, Norway, Burma, Pakistan and Guatemala. Dr. Bauer said he could not continue to preside over a Commission the majority of whose members repeatedly took decisions contrary to the Commission's rules of procedure and to the established traditions of the UN.

Dr. Bauer walked out of a Commission meeting last week to protest against a motion of censure against him for having disclosed at a Press conference the Commission's closed session work.—Associated Press.

Still hope for Utopia

Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 18. British Smith brothers, Colin, aged 28, and Stanley, aged 30, left Nova Scotia today admitting they have failed in two attempts to establish Utopia in Canada but will try again.

The two former RAF glider pilots said that lack of interest in the two government movements in Canada caused them to abandon plans for a colony to be known as Nova Espera.

The brothers won renown last August by sailing the Atlantic in 43 days in a 20-foot boat they built themselves. They plan to spend a year lecturing in Britain and choosing recruits for a colony. Then they will try again.—Associated Press.

Peking sees spies in Siam

San Francisco, May 18. Peking Radio tonight alleged that agents of the "American espionage organisation" in Asia had been sent into Siam in the guise of merchants.

The Radio said that this was reported by Singapore Chinese daily Nanyang Siang Pau on April 13, quoting a Siam newspaper. "These agents have established contact with political circles and ex-Army officers in Siam. Their mission is to spy on the activities of progressive forces and seek out confidential information about the country," the broadcast said.—Reuter.

TITO PROTEST TO CZECHS

Yugoslavia protested to the Czech Foreign Ministry today against the "unlawful and inhuman treatment" which it said resulted in the death of one of its nationals in Czechoslovakia.

The Yugoslav was Dimitri Jovic, President of the People's Front of Yugoslavia in Czechoslovakia, who allegedly succumbed to tortures on April 28 this year in a Bohemian prison.—Associated Press.

The Indonesian Government today denied reports that it will withhold pensions of Dutch Government workers in Indonesia as retaliation for damage to Dutch ships by Indonesian soldiers during the Communist revolution in that country.—Associated Press.

The Argentine Government today denied reports that it will withhold pensions of Dutch Government workers in Argentina as retaliation for damage to Dutch ships by Argentine soldiers during the Communist revolution in that country.—Associated Press.

Australian plan for Asia gets poor support

Sydney, May 16.

Australia today urged the British Commonwealth conference to adopt a £8,000,000 Commonwealth fund for immediate technical assistance to South and South East Asia.

But authentic reports indicated that the proposal, argued by the External Affairs Minister, Percy Spender, and circulated after the Colombo conference in January, is fully supported only by Pakistan.

Australia, which feels that assistance to under-developed countries in that area should be given, even if only on a modest scale, clashed on this issue with the delegation of Britain's Labour Government. The other delegations in various degrees acknowledge the urgency of the situation.

The "Sun" carried the headline: "Crisis at Conference on aid to South East Asia." The "Mirror" said: "Go-slow on Asia may check talks."

Australian spokesmen emphasised, however, that even if Australia failed to carry its point for immediate technical aid, the programme of the conference still could be successful in the long-term aspects, whereon Australia is in full agreement with the other six countries.

The Australian proposal provided for the establishment of a central authority to co-ordinate the distribution of technicians and other assistance. British participation was viewed as crucial, since it would give a lead to the other contributors.

The Australian programme envisaged simple direct types of action, assistance to increase production, raise health standards, tackle educational problems, and seek to increase living standards by other means.

Bilateral pacts

Some delegates, the Australian spokesman said, favoured a system of bilateral arrangements for the exchange of technical assistance, of which the spokesman said, Australia disapproved.

A reliable source said that the Canadian delegation, which is generally considered an important potential participant in any eventual scheme, feels it must know more about the requirements before it can invest Canadian capital. While acknowledging the urgency of the situation, the Canadian delegates believe not enough is yet known of the requirements of the area in question.

An informant said: "We can not invest or plan until we know what is needed. We are not going to contribute millions here or there until we see the whole picture." Canada also felt that undue delay was undesirable. The Asian dominions had not yet indicated fully what their requirements are.

Ceylon's plan

Several delegates denied any crisis in the conference. They believed that some sort of satisfactory plan would be developed before the end of the week.

The Ceylon Finance Minister, J. A. Wardene, disclosed at a Press conference that Ceylon had submitted a six-year plan to develop all phases of agriculture, industry and social services in Ceylon, costing nearly \$900 million.

He pointed out that Ceylon, a big dollar earner, is able to obtain current capital goods requirements from its dollar earnings, but they need technical assistance and more capital goods.

He agreed with Mr. Spender's plan, adding it did not think any country is really opposed. The question is how to give technical assistance. "You know how America threw help to China and the results she gained."

Mr. Wardene argued at the meeting that each country should develop its own plans.—United Press.

PRINCE ACCUSED BY NURSE

Bombay, May 18. A nurse today accused Prince Moazzam Jah, younger son of the Nizam of Hyderabad, of having "insulted" and assaulted her, causing hurt, when she asked him to pay her fees for attending his wife's confinement.

The nurse, Miss Zaid Flora Thomas, told the City Magistrate's Court that the Prince pulled her hair, used filthy language and threw her out when she asked him to settle the bills.

The Magistrate postponed the hearing to ascertain if he had jurisdiction over the case. Prince Moazzam Jah's father was reported to be the world's richest man until India took over the Princely State of Hyderabad.—Reuter.

Batavia, May 18. Jacob Taur, first Israeli Minister to Chile, presented the credentials to President Gonzalez Videla today. Taur is a national in Israel, a Jew, and is also a member of the Argentine Air Force.—Associated Press.

New evidence on Petain

Paris, May 16. Counsel for Marshal Henri Philippe Petain asked today that his conviction on treason charges be set aside on the basis of new evidence.

Jacques Isorni and Jean Le Maire made the request at a conference with the Justice Minister, Rene Mayer. The proceedings may eventually lead to a new trial, but it seems doubtful Petain, aged 94, chief of State under the Nazis, was found guilty on August 15, 1945. His death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Mr. Isorni announced last month he would ask for revision of the treason verdict on the basis of new facts, including some in the memoirs of Admiral William Leahy, American Ambassador to Vichy.—United Press.

NEGRO PICKETS AT UN HQ

Lake Success, May 16. Fifteen pickets of the United African Nationalist Movement marched in front of UN headquarters today protesting against white rule in Africa.

They carried signs demanding the return of Eritrea and Somaliland to Ethiopia, complete independence for Libya and the end of all colonialism in Africa.

Leaflets called Dr. Ralph Bunche, Negro UN Trusteeship Division officer, a tool of the white world.—Associated Press.

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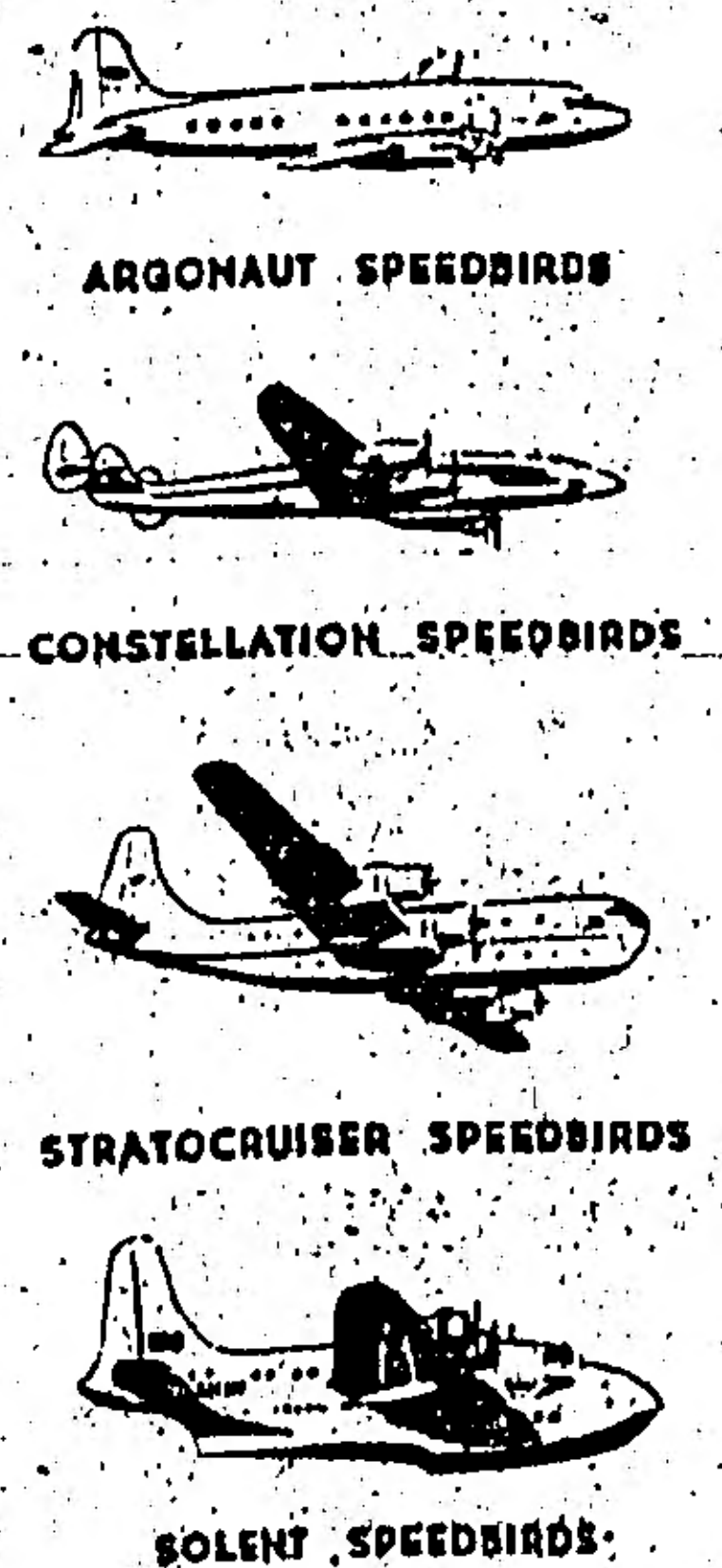
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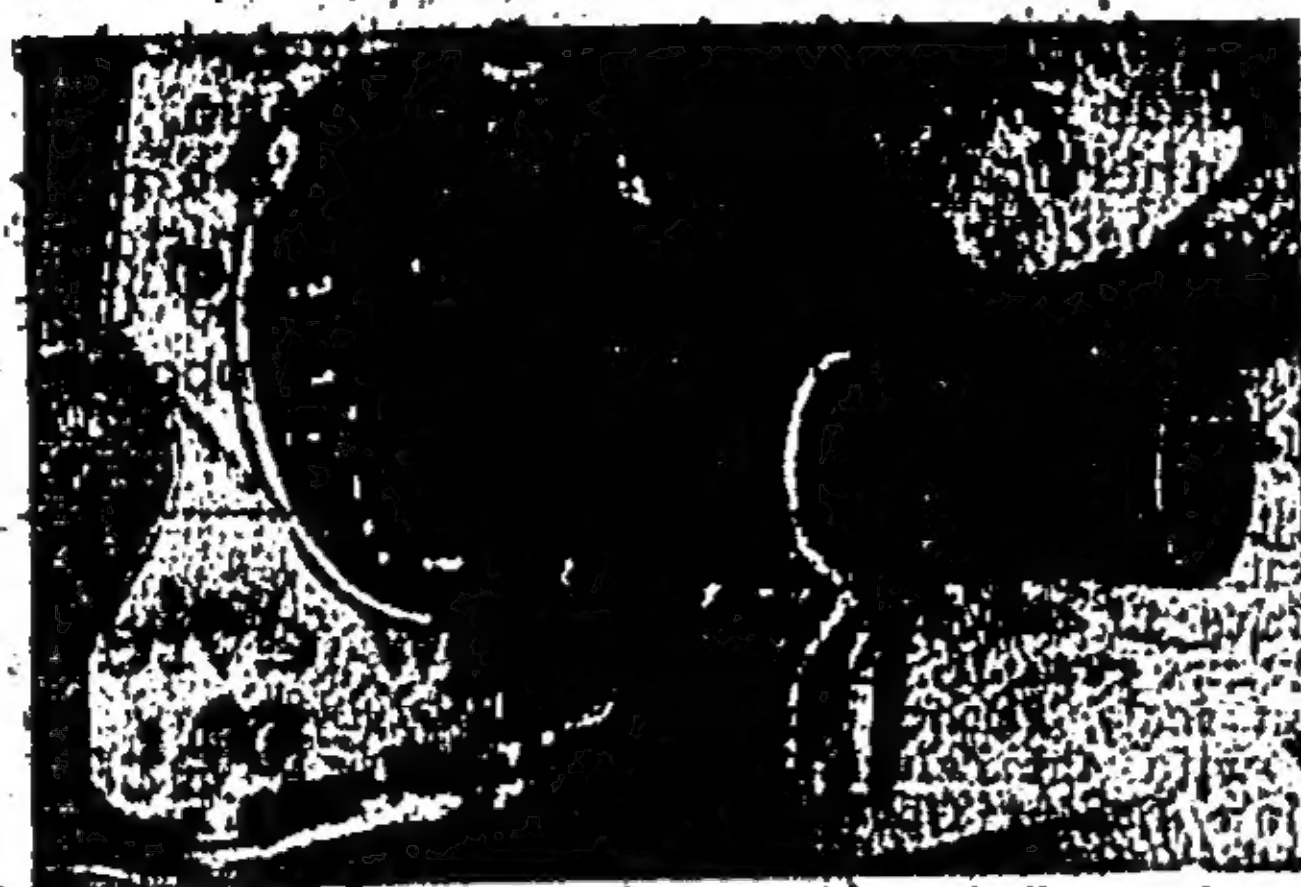
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The Cambridge firm, Pys Limited, are the first British firm to export a complete television transmitting station. In November last year the firm sent a sales group with five tons of television equipment to the United States of America. Demonstrations were held in New York and Washington which resulted in an immediate order. Main part of this television station has been completed. This picture shows the big 12-inch telephoto lens mounted on the turret of a television camera. The turret is fitted with four lenses, each one removable.

Lathes for every purpose

Lodge and Shipley Oil Country Lathes enjoy an unique distinction. They are considered standard equipment for any oil tool shop by an overwhelming majority of the men engaged in oil tool work, both in the manufacturing end and in repair shops but in the field, not only in the U.S. but all over the world.

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These machines are also used by other industries. Equipped with headstock centre collet and centre they can be used on standard engine lathes. The large hole through spindle permits handling, on ordinary length bed machines, many jobs normally requiring an exceptionally long bed by the simple expedient of extending the workpiece through the large hole in headstock spindle. Used in this fashion they become valuable additions to maintenance departments where floor space is frequently at a premium.

The Duomatic Lathe is a full automatic lathe for the advantageous use of multiple tools in turning, and straight and angular facing operations. It is particularly adapted to quantity production of lathe work in small or large lots whether between centres, on an arbor or in suitable chucks or fixtures.

The Duomatic is dual in character, having a complete front carriage and tool slide and a complete rear carriage and tool slide, each independently actuated from its own feed screw and feed and traverse mechanism. A wide range of operation cycles both front and rear are obtainable without the use of cams or special attachments.

The Lodge and Shipley Gap Lathe is a practical solution to the wide variety of work that repair and jobbing shops are

On the trail of the jet "Comet"

The record-breaking de Havilland "Comet" jet airliner having built up some 240 hours flying time, recently entered a new phase of her trials.

On April 24, she left Hatfield, Herts (near London), on the first stage of her longest and most extended series of flights to date—direct to Cairo, and then on to Nairobi for subjective to intensive tests of landing and take-off performance at high altitude. The "Comet's" itinerary then included a visit to Khartoum for further tests to establish performance under extreme tropical conditions.

Although the "Comet" is designed for regular commercial service rather than racing, and weather conditions were not ideal, Group Captain John Cunningham, chief test pilot of the de Havilland Aircraft Company, set up (subject to official confirmation) a new international speed record by covering the first stage of 2,183 miles London to Cairo—in five hours 10 mins. (average 428 m.p.h.), bettering by nearly 11 hours the previous record over this route, set up on February 16 last, by Squadron Leader N. F. Duke with a Hawker "Fury" fighter.

Like Duke, Cunningham depended entirely on Shell for all fuel and lubricant, and a complete fuelling arrangement was made in advance to cover the entire "trail" of the "Comet" from Hatfield back to Hatfield some two weeks later.

Responsible for special refuelling equipment necessary on this first visit of the world's pioneer jet airliner was Group Captain Douglas Bader, the famous wartime ace, now holding a senior position in the Shell Aviation Department in London. He recently completed a lengthy flying tour of inspection in East Africa.

called upon to perform. Various types of work, even though large in diameter, do not require the use of a heavy lathe. When positioned in the Lodge and Shipley Gap Lathe, decided savings are effected.

PRODUCTS FOR WORLD TRADE

The variety of goods now coming from factories in Wales is astounding. During the past four years ample evidence has been forthcoming to show that the Welsh people not only have the enterprise to ensure the successful carrying through of New projects but also an ability to develop novel ideas on commercial lines.

Although the old trades of Wales were mainly of the heavy order it has been seen that work of lighter and even delicate nature can be undertaken with complete success. Clocks, watches, kitchen equipment, radios illustrate this very well indeed, while shoe-making and some of the textile trades provide further proof of adaptability. That applies not only to the older materials but also to the newer substances, such as plastics and the lighter metal alloys.

Spectacle-making

Among those concerns now firmly established on the Treforest Trading Estate and which have been assisting in a considerable measure to provide the quantities of spectacle frames required under the National Health Service is the International Optical Co., Ltd.

During the past few months the "flood" of orders has been particularly heavy, but with the bringing into use of additional factory space coupled with increased methods of production and additional up-to-date machinery it has been possible to cope with the sustained demand in the home as well as export markets.

The wide variety of styles of spectacle frames now being produced, not forgetting the attractive sun glasses, continue to prove very popular, and the company has fresh plans in hand to enable additional export orders from new and old customers to be met promptly. Since it was established at Bridgend in 1946, the branch factory of George Webb and Sons (Northampton), Ltd., have gone ahead. The training of females was carried through very quickly, and now a fine body of shoe operatives is employed.

Domestic fittings

The women of South Wales have shown themselves to be quite adept, their high degree of skill enabling them to tackle successfully some of the most difficult machine operations in the closing of men's shoe uppers. A domestic fitting which has been adopted for several limited housing estates is the Owens domestic duplex hot water supply tank, made by the Economic Hot Water Supply Co. (Porthafenni), Ltd., compact in design and adaptable to heating from a range of stove or by an immersion heater.

The tanks are cylindrical in shape as a rule, but rectangular and triangular tanks may be supplied in various capacities from 25 to 60 gallons. The cold-water section at the top is fitted with a ball-valve for shutting off supply, and is also fitted with a return valve with a flow inlet which prevents the expansion valve heating the cold water. The cold section is insulated from the hot tank by a heavy asbestos disc.

Turning to products for use in industry there is the Conway Loader which since 1937 has established a reputation for fast loading in rock tunnels under the most arduous conditions.

Mechanical handling

Combining rugged strength with considerable flexibility and an enormous appetite for work, the Conway, made by British Conway Loaders, Ltd., quickly gained the favour of tunnel men and the demand began to exceed the supply.

Now, when Conways can be found at most up-to-date collieries in Britain and on the vast hydro-electric schemes in France, production is in step with increasing orders and reasonable delivery times obtainable on all models, including machines for tunnels up to 20ft. wide.

Those who are concerned with the transmission of power will know of the contribution which has been made to this section of engineering by the all-weather concern of Lewis and Tyler, Ltd., particularly with the three types of belting each with its distinguishing name.

Belt drives

Each of them has a particular characteristic. The Grippol style with its four-plate wear resisting edges which are designed to be unaffected by atmospheric changes; the Grippol style designed to be unaffected in its performance by heat dampness, or dust; and the Grippol endless belts with no fasteners, thus securing the smoothest drive and used where small pulleys are concerned.

With a very long experience of driving under the most testing conditions the experts of the company are in a position to advise as to the best method to adopt for any particular purpose. Another well-known product is the Underwriter range of hose now being used as standard by many fire-fighting forces at home and overseas.

Valves and pumps

Mention should also be made of the progress of the Saunders Valve Co., Ltd., which has become so well known for the successful application of the flexible diaphragm valve now used for something like 200 different fluids.

In recent months there has been the development of the Disiping Valve with its attribute of sure closure, coupled with resistance to abrasive and corrosive attack, all tending to simplify its maintenance at full efficiency.

There are also the Seifan centrifugal pumps of symmetrical robust construction and with the electric Unishatt drive; they are being extensively adopted for many industrial purposes, especially as it is possible to dispense with couplings and pedestal bearings.

Steel technique

Pumps are also available for use with diesel or petrol engines or with belt drive.

The quasi-Bessemerizing process used by the Owens Foundry and Engineering Co., Ltd., for the making of ingot moulds shows an advance in method which has brought a number of advantages.

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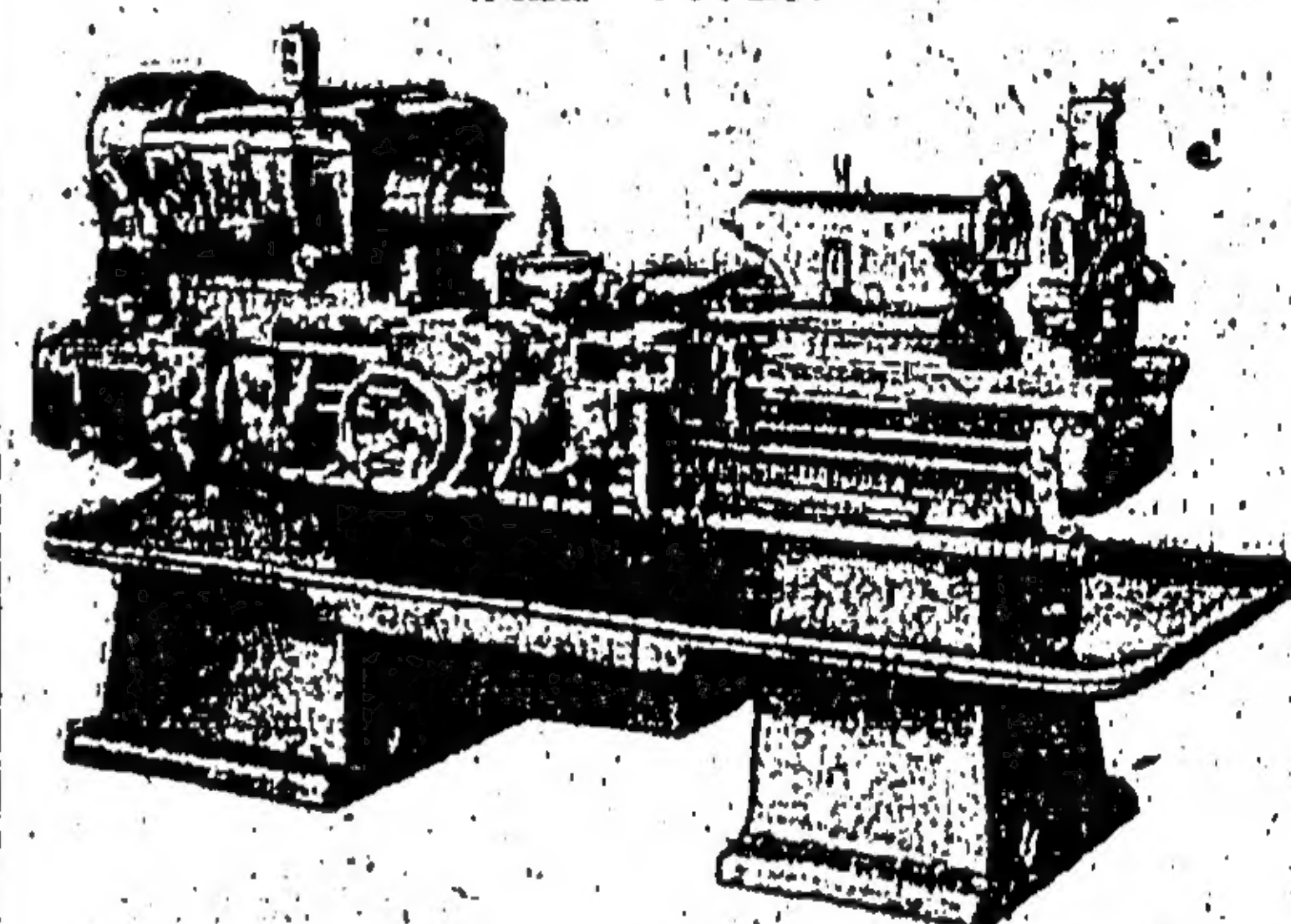
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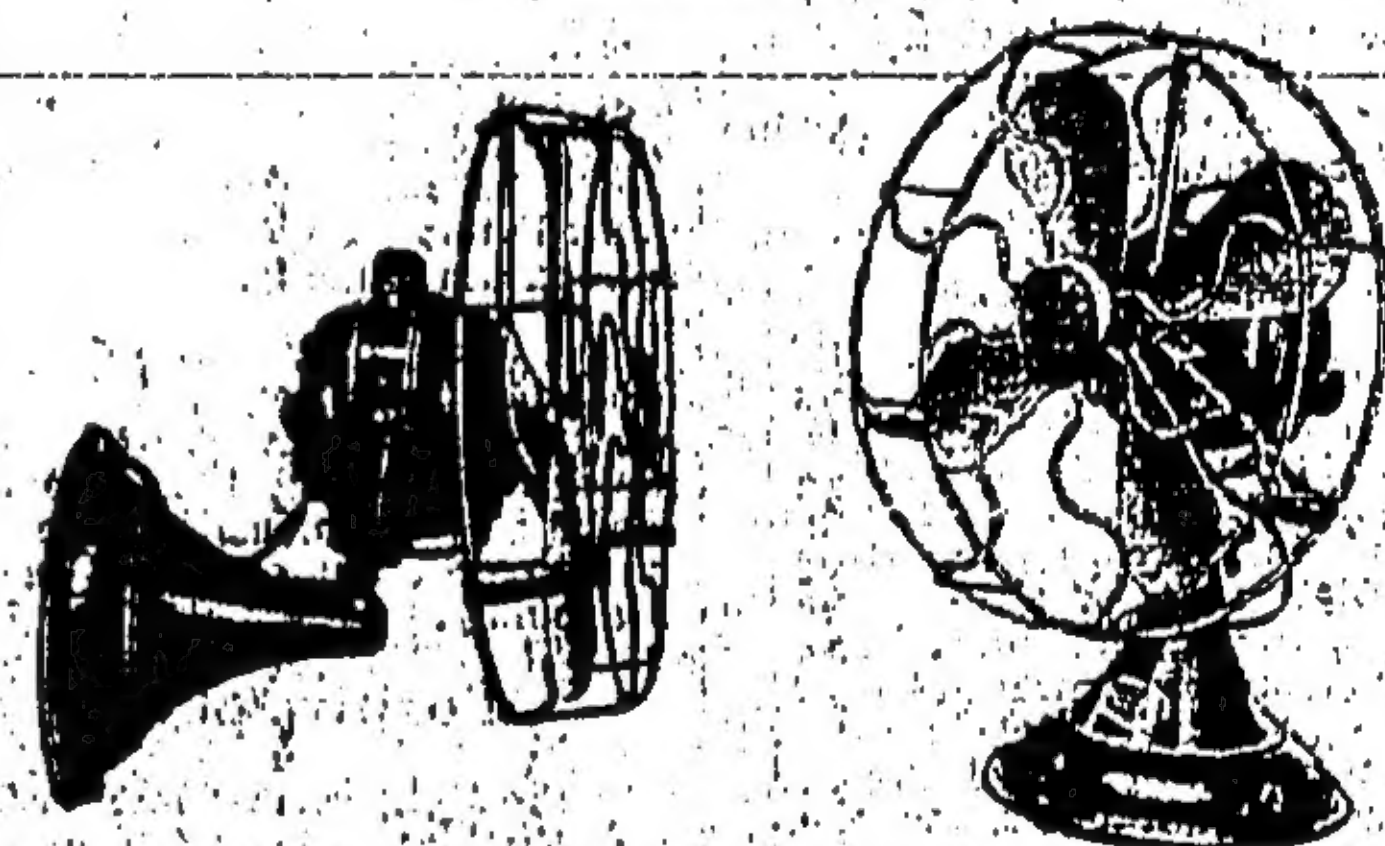
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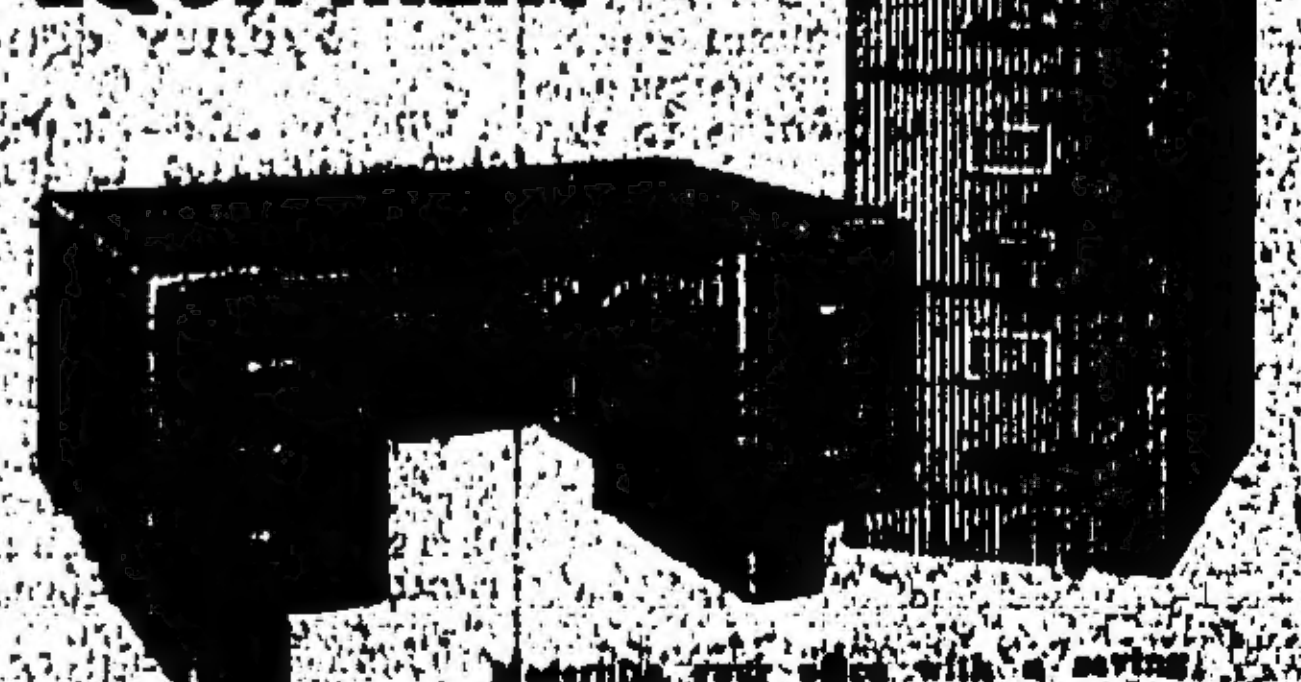
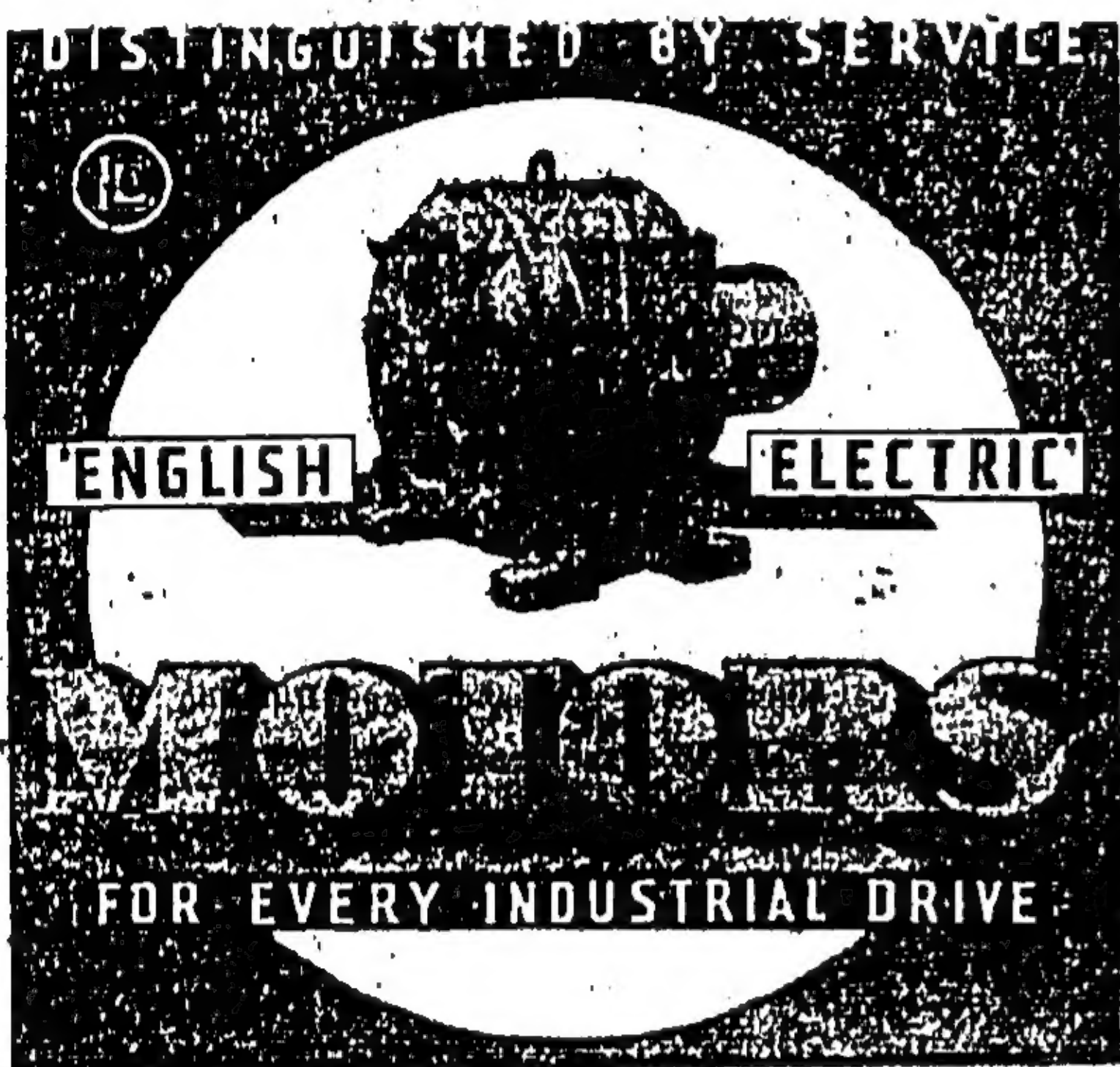


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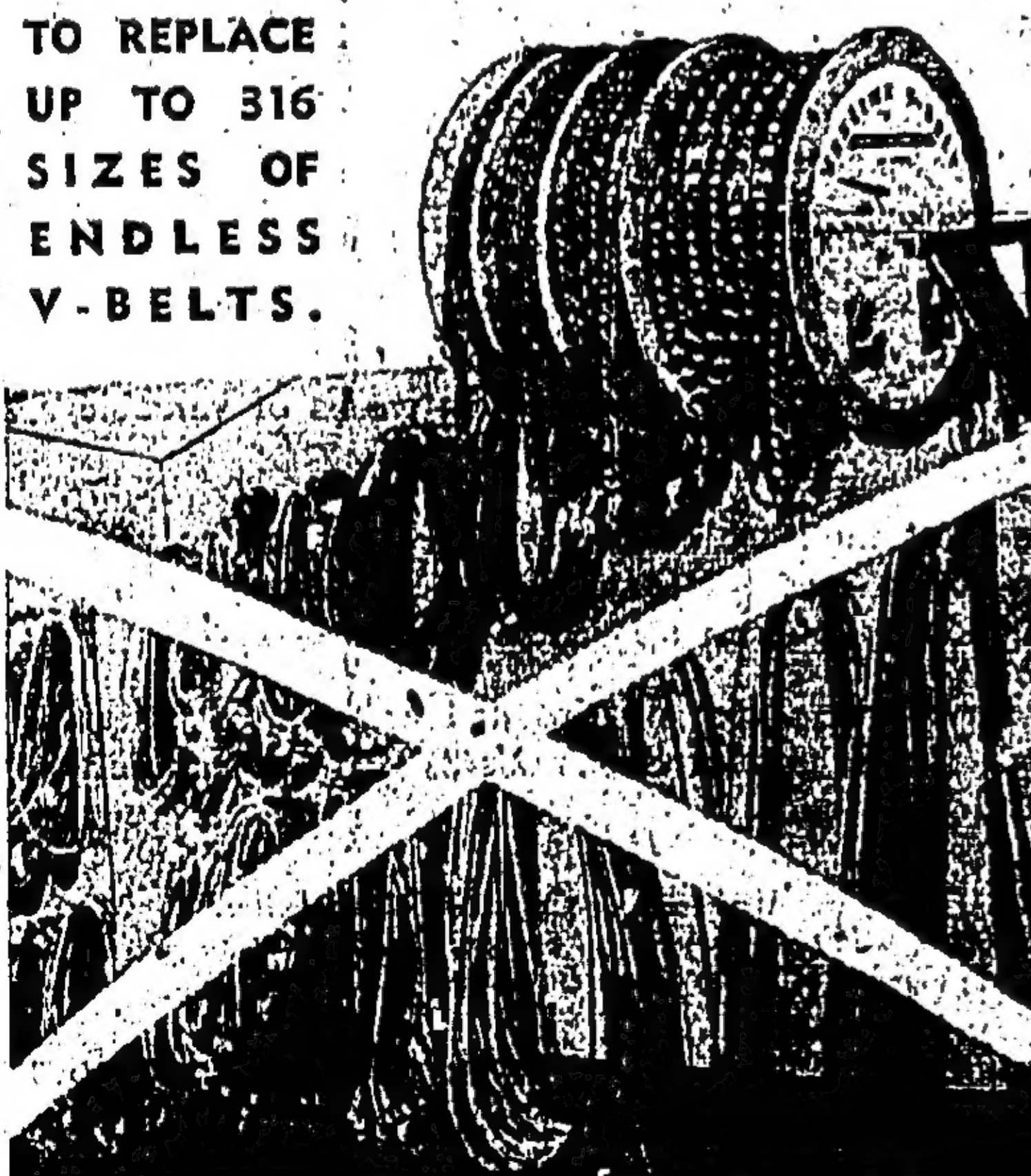
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The opening words of the "Economist" this week-end to what everybody has be-

Adelphi, May 18.
Albert Ernest Edwards at 90, is
taking the matrimonial plunge
for the sixth time.
Straight-backed, clear-eyed
Edwards married five times be-
fore, says: "I have been unhappy
too long. I need someone to love
and me."
Edwards never went to school.
At 10 he left home and joined
church. He has been in 15 states. He
plans the honeymoon with some
of his old flames. - United Press.

The late Premier would probably be Mr. Adam Mendez, a wealthy 51-year-old landowner, one Democratic source said.

The latest unofficial figures quoted by Democratic sources gave the Demobros complete victory, 28 of the 63 constituencies, with the probability of winning about half of the remaining 35. This would mean 376 to 380 seats to the 480-member assembly, with possibly 70 to 80 going to the Republic and 10 to the National Front.

The full text of the official statement is:

Country peaceful

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Monday, when a new president will be elected to replace a former President in turn of name a President who was elected Cabinet. The new Government is expected to come before Parliament for approval next week.

Recent returns from Madras President Iyengar's home town indicated that he might be elected by the Democratic candidates. Iyengar had run for two seats in Ankara and Madras and had been conceded the Ankara seat.

One of the main questions now before the Government is whether the Government should continue to support the National Government in Ankara.

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The bill would grant a veto to the Chinese, who are presently controlling a great portion of the Philippines. The Philippine American citizens apparently exempted from the effects of the bill.

The measure provides "Notwithstanding the contrary construction placed thereon by any state or territory, no provision shall be made for the United States to assume the results of Philippine elections for which it has provided no franchise."

The bill would grant a "special" visa to the Chinese, who are presently barred from control of a great portion of the Philippine economy. In the Philippines, American citizens apparently are exempt from the effects of the bill.

The measure provides: "Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any Chinese citizen, who is admitted to the United States, shall be deemed to be an alien of the United States for the purpose of the Philippine laws relating to the control of the Philippine economy."

It is pointed out that the bill would not apply to Chinese citizens who are already in the United States.

The bill would greatly affect the Chinese, who are presently getting a great portion of their business in the Philippine Islands. American citizens apparently are exempted from the effects of the bill.

The treasury wonders "Nothing is to be made" by the proposed act, mostly in any manner, except the protection of the United States from the possibility of Philippine claims for July 4th, 1898.

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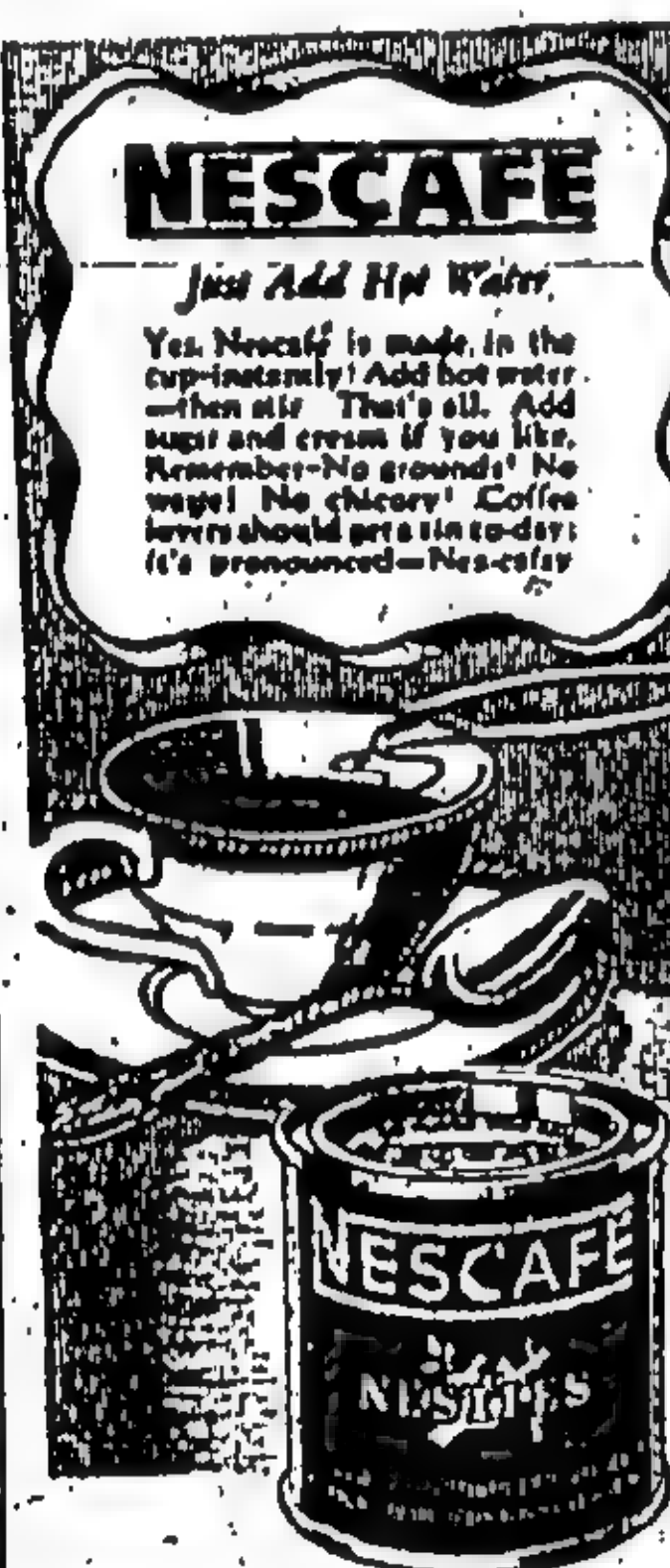
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Tito on May Day



This picture, just received from Yugoslavia, shows Marshal Josip Broz-Tito chatting with a young boy during May Day celebrations in Belgrade. (AP Photo).

Shipboard drama told in Court

Bombay, May 16.

A Bombay Coroner's jury today found that Elisa Loomis, an American girl who died on board the Norwegian motorship Vinstra on May 7, poisoned herself because she was "harassed" by the Chief Steward, Alfjorn Abrahamsen. Miss Loomis and her friend, Marjorie Tyree, also American, joined the Vinstra at Baltimore on February 2 before she sailed for Bombay.

Miss Tyree told the court that Abrahamsen started bothering Elisa after the ship left Port Said. He tried to embrace her, she said and constantly stopped her. Abrahamsen denied that he coerced Elisa, but admitted he put his hands on her shoulders.

Abrahamsen said he did not know that Elisa feared him. He was lenient with her when complaints were made to him about her. Other witnesses said there was a dispute about overtime between the girls and Abrahamsen on May 7. Marjorie Tyree told the court that she refused to serve the first and second cooks and was brought before the Captain, who said it was also their duty to clean the cooks' cabin.

"Facing evil" Marjorie cried and Elisa said, "I always believed that there was some good in men but there is none in these men. Now I have to face evil." Elisa began sobbing after seeing the Captain, Marjorie said, and dramatically announced that she had taken dramamine (anti-sickness tablets). Marjorie said she rushed to the bridge for the Third Mate because there was no doctor on the ship and, no stomach pump was available.

She sucked the poison from Elisa's stomach through a piece of rubber tube. Elisa died despite attempts at artificial respiration.

"Not prostitutes" The Captain, Mathias Kroeseth, told the court that Elisa told him she had taken dramamine pills. He said that Elisa, before the ship reached Bombay, complained to him "The crew is against us because we are not prostitutes."

The Bombay Police Inspector, I. B. Patel, said Elisa undoubtedly felt humiliated at the treatment she received on board the Vinstra. The Norwegian Consul, Frederick Orvin, who wanted the proceedings to be held in camera, said he was writing to his Government for instructions on the matter.

The Vinstra is expected to sail for Calcutta later today, but neither Marjorie Tyree nor Alexander Strindberg, the third American who joined the ship at Baltimore, will be on board. Associated Press.

PORTUGUESE CORK EXPORT

Lisbon, May 17.
Portugal exported more cork last year than anything else, and more than any other country, officials' announcements said.
During 1949 a total of 10,000 tons, or 600,000,000 escudos worth, went all over the world. Chief importers were the United States, Britain, Germany, Netherlands, Brazil, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Soviet Union.

Jordan's action defended

Baghdad, May 16.

Khalid Kenna, the Iraqi Minister of State, for Arab Affairs, said today that King Abdullah's move in annexing the Arab part of Palestine to Jordan does not contradict the Arab League's Charter as certain member States pretend.

"According to Article 7 of the Charter," he added, "Jordan is not bound to adopt any League decision she declines to agree with. This does not justify Jordan being expelled from the League."

"I believe that the only justification for expelling Jordan must be based, firstly, on an unanimous decision of the member States and, secondly, on a contradiction of the League's Charter."

"Jordan had not contradicted the Charter and an unanimous vote cannot be reached while Jordan declines to vote." Well-informed quarters there denied a report that the Iraqi Premier, Tawfiq Suwaidi, had appealed to the League of Arab States to break the deadlock between the Arab League and Jordan. Suwaidi is expected to arrive here from Cairo, where he has been attending the meetings of the Political Committee of the League, on Thursday.—Reuter.

TAFT'S ATTACK ON TRUMAN

Washington, May 16.

Senator Robert Taft (Republican, Ohio) tonight accused President Truman of political immorality and said he was trying to elect a ruck in stamp Congress which would send the United States into false doom and depression. Senator Taft did not believe the voters wanted an 82nd Congress subservient to Truman and prepared to rubber-stamp his programme. He asserted that the 6,000-mile stamping tour of the country, from which the President returned this afternoon, was plainly a political expedition made at the taxpayer's expense.—United Press.

SOVIET ENVOY IN U.S. LEAVES

New York, May 16.

Mr. Alexander S. Panuyshin, the Soviet Ambassador to the United States, left for his home after a short stay here, saying that he was going home for a rest under his doctor's care. In an interview on board the ship, he said he would be going home for a rest.

Swiss envoy in Peking

San Francisco, May 16.
The arrival in Peking of the Swiss charge d'affaires ad interim, Mr. Owen C. Stiner, was reported by the Peking radio.

Mr. Stiner arrived in the Chinese Communist capital at 1:30 p.m. today to carry on talks for the establishment of diplomatic relations, the broadcast said.

He was welcomed at the station by a Protocol official of the Chinese Communist Foreign Ministry.—United Press.

JAPS MAY OPEN PARIS OFFICE

Paris, May 16.

The French Government indicated today that it would receive favourably a request for opening a Japanese Consular and Commercial office with limited functions in Paris.

Preliminary negotiations for such a project have been made through the American occupation authorities. It was specifically understood that the office would not handle normal diplomatic business, and would be empowered to handle only part of the duties normally entrusted to a consular and commercial representative.—Associated Press.

HEATED EXCHANGES AT ECAFE MEETING

Bangkok, May 16.

The Chinese Nationalist-Russian wrangling in United Nations organisations spread to the Orient today and resulted in another Soviet walk-out.

The Russian delegation strode from the UN Economic Conference for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) after twice being voted down in an attempt to unseat the Nationalists.

Mr. S.S. Nemtchina, the Soviet Minister to Thailand and head of the Russia ECAFE delegation, offered a resolution to unseat the Nationalist delegate, Mr. Patrick Pichi Sun.

Mr. Nemtchina referred to the Nationalists as illegal remnants of the reactionary Kuomintang (Nationalist Party). Mr. Sun replied that the Chinese Reds regime was created by the machinations of Russia and did not represent the Chinese people. The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward F. Stanton, stepped into the argument by reprimanding the Russians for the harsh words of the resolution. He said the Chinese Communists had never shown a desire to uphold the UN.

During the five hours of arguments, Thailand offered an amendment to the Soviet resolution. The amendment would refer the question to ECAFE re-

presentation for China to higher UN authority.

On the vote in the 13-nation body on the Thai amendment, Russia lost 8 to 3. There were two abstentions, Pakistan and the United Kingdom. Voting against Russia were Australia, China, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand and the United States. Russia could muster the votes only of India and Burma.

Although beaten, Mr. Nemtchina insisted on a vote on his original motion. He was beaten by the same eight votes. Only Burma joined with Russia. India sided with Pakistan and the United Kingdom in abstaining.

Picking up his papers, Mr. Nemtchina announced that Russia would consider any action by the ECAFE illegal and walked out. He left an ECAFE Com-

mittee meeting last week over the same issue.

It appeared during the debate that Russia was trying to put Asiatic nations on the spot and to embarrass the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Pakistan, which recognise the Red regime. Cornelio Balmaceda, of the Philippines, presided as Chairman during the debate. Immediately after Premier P. Pibul Songgram welcomed the delegates, Mr. Nemtchina demanded action on his resolution. Mr. Balmaceda ruled that the conference was adjourned until the afternoon.

Mr. Nemtchina said the chair had acted crudely. Mr. Balmaceda retorted that the Soviet remarks were unjust and unfounded.

At Montreux today, the Russian and Czech delegates to the 19-nation Executive Committee of the World Postal Union annual meeting, have walked out.

The Executive Committee announced that a resolution was passed declaring that the 19-nation Executive Committee of the World Postal Union, but that the delegates of the USSR and Czechoslovakia declared that this solution was not sufficiently definite since its effect was limited only to the present meetings. Associated and Reuter.

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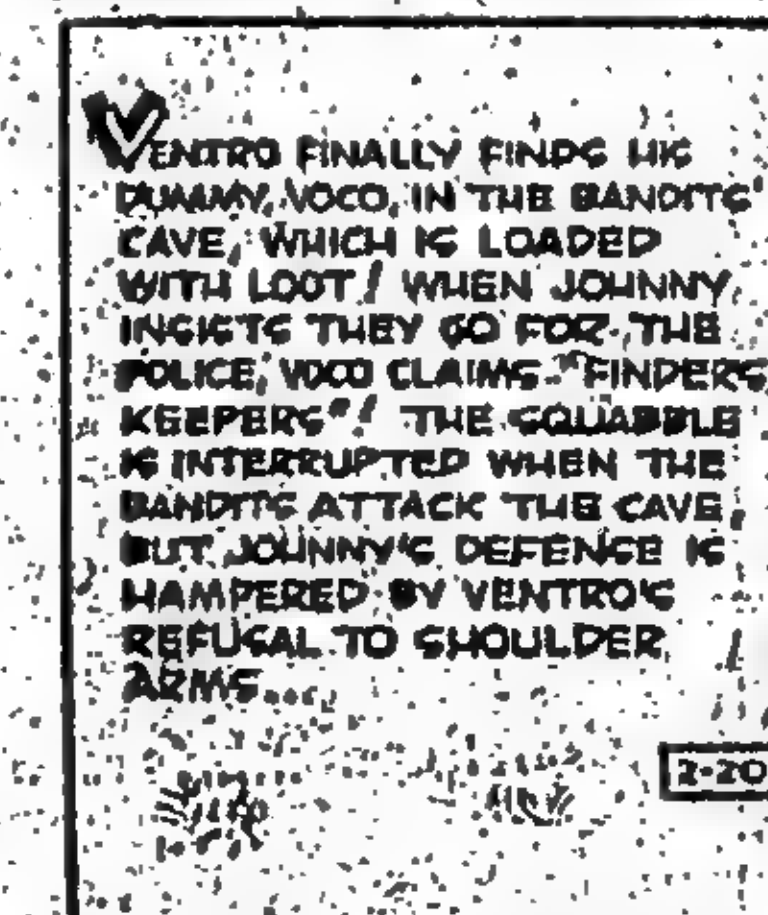
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Known in Teheran as the "Baluchistan Giant", Poolad Kurd, 32, demonstrates his extraordinary height to Eny L'u Steiner of Lancaster, Ohio, U.S.A., a U.S. Embassy worker in the Iranian capital. Kurd, a native of Baluchistan, came to Teheran for treatment of a broken back, which prevents him from standing upright. Doctors say that but for this ailment he would be at least eight and one half feet tall. (AP Photo).

HK Light Orchestra presents concert

An interesting programme of light music was presented by the Hong Kong Light Orchestra at The Gripps on Sunday night. The Orchestra was led by Mr. H. V. Ardy.

There were three soloists—Miss Amy Au, Master Reginald Ardy and Mr. Jameson Huang.

The programme was restricted to well-known compositions, all of which retain the capacity to enchant by the familiarity of their melodies alone. Mr. Ardy, by a timely curbing of the boisterousness of his brass section, endowed the repertoire with sweetness and charm.

His orchestra has now accommodated itself to its name. The selections provided a little opportunity for faulty interpretation, since they have all become part of contemporary music. They provided a suitable synthesis for a light programme—which was the way the advertisement read.

Approached this way, the concert on Sunday night can only be described as satisfactory. I bear Mr. Ardy no ill-will because he has not attempted anything serious this time. Two months ago he included Wagner and Beethoven on his programme and the result was distinctly patchy. On Sunday nothing that he interpreted came anywhere near Wagner and Beethoven, and the result was gratifying.

I think that as long as human experience is enriched by lovely musical scores and bright, tuneful melodies, their constant repetition is justified. Nobody can listen to

a waltz by Strauss, for instance, without reacting to the lit of the music. Even Beethoven once described Schubert's Moment Musical as something he could listen to "for hours at a time."

However, Mr. Ardy does err on the side of unnecessary frivolity by the inclusion of too many "Selections" on his programme. One series of selections from the musical score of a well-known opera is more than enough for one evening. More than one detracts from the dignity of a concert and gives to it the nature of a Sunday-afternoon promenade affair.

I did not like Mr. Ardy's rendition of Percy Fletcher's grand march entitled "The Spirit of Pageantry", mainly because I found his brass section too uneven. The loudness of the trumpets and the uncontrolled vigour he included Wagner and Beethoven on his programme and the result was distinctly patchy. On Sunday nothing that he interpreted came anywhere near Wagner and Beethoven, and the result was gratifying.

The Overture "Pique Dame" by Suppe was extremely well-played. It gave ample opportunity for Mr. Ardy's strings to exhibit their qualifications, and the chance was seized. The flutes gave a good account of themselves. The conductor, skilfully blended the ample ingredients provided by Suppe, and the result was a pattern of charm and grace.

The soloists

Miss Amy Au sang "Viva D'Art" by Puccini and the "Slave Song" by Del Rio. She has a sweet voice, but power is lacking. The germ of tone is there, but it is still embryonic.

Master Reginald Ardy sang two folk songs by Stephen Foster in the beautiful soprano of a boy. He was careful to follow the directions of his father, and showed almost no nervousness at all. In the second place, "Beautiful Dreamer", he missed a beat upon returning to the first chorus, but caught up with the advancing accompaniment in a gratifyingly masterful fashion.

The highlight of the concert was Mr. Jameson Huang's performance. He is an accomplished artist—full of exquisite control with a lovely, tender voice. His rendition of Moya's "Song of Songs" was beautifully tender. Mr. Huang has only one fault—he is inclined to emphasise too conspicuously every time he reaches a high note.

He has remarkable diction. The range of his voice is quite extensive. While I like the way he reduces it to an occasional whisper, I think it is wrong to project it into a yell with the next breath.

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MIDDLE EAST ARMS CONTROL DEMANDED

Washington, May 16.

Senator Herbert R. O'Connor, Democrat of Maryland, today pressed the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, now in London, for immediate Anglo-American action to control shipments of arms to the Middle East. These shipments, he said, constitute a threat to Israel.

Britain, he said, is furnishing arms and munitions to the Arab nations in quantities which would seem to go far beyond their internal security needs.

He added, "Information before us shows that there is a definite threat to peace in that area and we will be recant to our duty to the infant nation of Israel if we do not face up to this situation in a realistic manner."

Mr. O'Connor said that the State Department had assured him in March that the U.S. was not enforcing the arms embargo on Israel.

At the same time, Mr. O'Connor continued, "the Department declared its readiness to receive applications from all Governments in the Middle East, including Israel, for the exportation of military equipment which is considered necessary for the maintenance of internal order and to provide for legitimate defence requirements."

"This was likewise declared to be Britain's policy,"

Mr. O'Connor said that arms shipments to Arab nations are particularly upsetting to Israel since the peace treaty has not been signed by the Israelis and the Arabs.

Threat to peace

He added, "It does not seem reasonable or wise that we should close our eyes to a situation that not only is a threat to peace in the Middle East, but that could easily be an explosion that would throw the whole world into a new war."

Mr. O'Connor suggested to Mr. Acheson that the United Nations be invited to study the question of arms shipments to the Middle East.

Senator Francis J. Myers, Democrat, Pennsylvania, also raised the issue. In a cablegram to Mr. Acheson, made public today,

It questioned "military unbalance" in the Middle East.

The following is the text of the cable: "I am deeply concerned with reports of military unbalance in the Middle East—unbalance which threatens the survival of free and democratic nations. I feel that this problem merits serious consideration in your current talks with the Foreign Ministers."

—Associated Press.

Bueckeburg, May 16.
The Duke of Gloucester arrived by air tonight to inspect units of the British Army of the Rhine.—Associated Press.

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3.00—"La Dama de Hebra" (Radio).

3.30—"Time for Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra. (BBC) Calling.

4.00—"Have a Go"—A Quiz Programme introduced by Wilfred Pickles. (BBC) Calling.

4.30—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay).

5.00—"Hong Kong Band"—Introduced by Captain David Jones. (Radio) "The King's Own Scottish Borderers" (Relay from the Nine Dragons Club).

5.30—Sports Review—By Bill Phillips. (Radio) "The Editorials." (London Relay).

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6.15—"The American"—A Cornish Miracle Play Translated and Adapted by Terence Tiller. (BBC) Calling.

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TARIFF TALKS WITH AMERICA

Washington, May 16.

The State Department announced today that six new countries—Denmark, the Dominican Republic, India, Indonesia, Italy and Sweden—will negotiate tariff reductions with the United States in Torquay, England, beginning September 20.

They are in addition to 17 other countries whose decision to join the negotiations at Torquay was announced on April 14.

Department officials said it was not expected that Japan would be asked to join the negotiations although there has been speculation that she might. The subject of Japanese participation has not arisen.

About 160 new items of trade have been added to the list for negotiations which already totalled about 2,500.

The Department said, "In general, the United States will not consider granting further concessions at Torquay on items on which it has made concessions at Annecy, France."—United Press.

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7.45—Ed. A. Keller Show.

8.00—News & Weather Forecast.

8.15—Rosario Bourdon Symphonie.

8.30—Morning Music.

9.00—Thursday's Favourite Classics.

10.30—Morning Medley.

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12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.

12.15—B.B.C. School Broadcast.

12.30—From The Films.

1.00—Light Variety.

1.15—News.

1.30—Orchestra Of The Week.

2.00—Variety Calls The Tune.

2.30—The Novelties Trio.

4.15—Tropics.

4.30—Vocally Yours.

5.00—Movie Time.

5.30—Children's Corner.

6.00—Music Makers.

6.30—Music by Ted Worns.

6.45—Men Behind The Melody.

7.00—Norman Clouston and his Memorable Music.

7.30—Ring Circus.

7.45—Ray McKinley Orch.

7.50—Song Souvenirs.

7.55—Listen to Leibert.

8.00—B.B.C. News.

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"TJIBADANE"	20th May	28th May	
"VAN HEUTZ"	21st May		
"TJIBODAS"	21st May		
"TJIBALENGKA"	21st May	10th June	
not calling Singapore			
ARRIVALS SAILINGS			
MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA			
"TJIBADANE"	10th June		
"BERLAGE"	10th June	6th July	
"TEGELBERG"	In Port		
"TJIKAMPEK"	18th June		
"STRAAT SOENDA"	18th June	27th July	
"RUYS"	18th June		
*Loading for Mauritius & South America only			
*Loading for East & South Africa only			
JAPAN			
"TJIBADANE"	In Port	23rd May	
"TJIBODAS"	20th June	2nd June	
"TJIKAMPEK"	18th June	18th June	
"TEGELBERG"	4th July	10th July	
"RUYS"	20th July		
Agents: HOLLAND—EAST ASIA LINE			
EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA			
"RYNKER"	In Port	early July	
"LANGLESCOT"	early June	early July	
"MARIEKERK"	early July	early Aug.	
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JAPAN			
"RYNKER"	early June	20th May	
"LANGLESCOT"	early July	early June	
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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

Atlantic Breeze (Hank)	Panama	24th May
4354 tons ex-Bangkok	Merle's wh.	
Korea (K. A.)	Danish	24th May
4354 tons ex-Bangkok	Merle's wh.	
Monterey (H. & B)	British	24th May
4354 tons ex-Bangkok	Merle's wh.	
Proa (Pier)	APL	24th May
4354 tons ex-Bangkok	Merle's wh.	
Proa (Pier)	APL	24th May
4354 tons ex-Bangkok	Merle's wh.	
Talera (Mac Mac)	British	24th May
4354 tons ex-Bangkok	Merle's wh.	

TODAY

Hongkong (Jardine)	ex-Japan	24th May
Wingang (Jardine)	ex-Korea	24th May

TOMORROW

Brady (Everett)	ex-Bangkok	25th May
Wingang (Jardine)	ex-Korea	25th May

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Charles Macdon (HABG)	for Panama	24th May
Donna Ahlers (H. & B)	for Manila	24th May
Edith Muller (Shun Chong)	for Hongkong	24th May
Proa (Pier)	for Bangkok	24th May
Proa (Pier)	for Manila	24th May
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TODAY

Hilken (W. P. S.)	for Saigon	24th May
Proa (Pier)	for Fusan	24th May
Proa (Pier)	for Okinawa	24th May
Proa (Pier)	for Keelung	24th May
Proa (Pier)	for Keelung	24th May

TOMORROW

Anhui (H. & B)	for Singapore	25th May
Green Ranger (HABG)	for Europe	25th May
Hunan (H. & B)	for Tientsin	25th May
John Murek (Johson)	for Atlantic Coast	25th May

Vessels In Port

Adriatic (Hamm)	Yan	24th May
Albatross (H. & B)	AT	24th May
A. E. E. (H. & B)	AT	24th May
Atlantic Breeze (Hank)	AT	24th May
Ator (Chi Hui)	Yan	24th May
Benelux (Lorley)	Yan	24th May
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TOMORROW

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John Murek (Johson)	for Atlantic Coast	25th May

Vessels Due From

Strait Benda (RIL)	24th May
Tjikamp (RIL)	24th May
Ruy (RIL)	24th May

SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTH AFRICA

Strait Benda (RIL)	24th May
Tjikamp (RIL)	24th May
Ruy (RIL)	24th May

AMERICA

Donnerville (Thoresen)	24th May
Grie (Lorley)	24th May
Herde (Mac Mac)	24th May
Lexa (Lorley)	24th May
Oregon (Lorley)	24th May
Proa (Pier)	24th May
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TODAY

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TOMORROW

Anhui (H. & B)	for Singapore	25th May
Green Ranger (HABG)	for Europe	25th May
Hunan (H. & B)	for Tientsin	25th May
John Murek (Johson)	for Atlantic Coast	25th May

SAILINGS TO AFRICA

Strait Benda (RIL)	24th May
Tjikamp (RIL)	24th May
Ruy (RIL)	24th May

TODAY

Strait Benda (RIL)	24th May
Tjikamp (RIL)	24th May
Ruy (RIL)	24th May

TOMORROW

Anhui (H. & B)	for Singapore	25th May
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SAILINGS TO AFRICA

